

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### NICHOLAS JAMES FAIL BA (Oxon) FCA MAE

#### **EDUCATIONAL HISTORY AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 1980 - 1984 - Magdalen College, Oxford -BA (Hons) Modern History
- 1987 - Qualified and admitted as a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 1997 - Admitted as a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.
- 2011 - ICAEW Accredited Forensic Accountant and ICAEW Accredited Expert Witness
- 2012 - Admitted as a Member of The Academy of Experts

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT (1989 to date)**

I joined Downham Train Epstein (“DTE”) in July 1989 as a Manager in the then recently established Corporate Finance and Forensic Accounting Department. I initially split my time between Corporate Finance and Forensic work, gaining valuable experience in the former in share valuations, fund raising, profit and cash flow forecasting and due diligence and acquisition investigation work. I also became a registered Consultant under the Department of Trade and Industry’s Enterprise Initiative, completing a number of strategic business planning assignments for a variety of partnerships, sole trader businesses and family companies. I retained an involvement in Corporate Finance work until 2001, but having increasingly specialised in litigation support work, I now work almost exclusively as a forensic accountant.

I have prepared in excess of 750 reports for both Claimant and Defendant solicitors and insurance companies. My experience encompasses business valuation disputes, s994 Companies Act 2006 cases, commercial claims and business interruption, fraud, matrimonial, personal injury, clinical negligence and fatal accident cases. I was promoted to the position of Partner in May 1995 and, following the incorporation of the firm in May 2001, I became a director of DTE Business Advisers Limited, which trades as DTE, Chartered Accountants. In September 2001, I became head of the Forensic Accounting department.

I have attended Court and given evidence on a number of occasions, and have regularly attended meetings of experts. I have also lectured extensively to the legal profession on commercial litigation, personal injury, medical negligence, fatal accident and matrimonial claims. I am listed as an expert in the Sweet & Maxwell (formerly the Law Society’s) Directory of Expert Witnesses, and am also on the expert database of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. I have received training as a single joint expert and have completed a significant number of assignments in this capacity. In 2006 I became the co-chair of the Forensic Accounting and Litigation Support speciality group of TIAG (The International Accounting Group).

#### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS**

I trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with a medium tier firm of Chartered Accountants, which was later taken over by one of the ‘big four’ firms. I gained experience in preparing and auditing the accounts of a wide variety of businesses, ranging from sole traders, partnerships and small limited companies, to listed PLC subsidiaries and health authorities. I also gained exposure to tax and special investigations work. Between December 1987 and June 1989, I worked for a training company, teaching trainee Chartered and Certified Accountants at all levels of their professional exams.

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