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Career History:

2003 - date **GMR Consulting** - HR Consultant and Expert Witness
1998 - 2003 **Merrill Lynch Europe PLC** - Managing Director International HR
1989 - 1998 **Mercury Asset Management Group plc** - Managing Director HR
1972 - 1989 **S.G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.** - Director from 1987

Career Summary:

Since joining GMR Consulting, an independent Human Resources Consultancy in 2003, I have carried out a wide range of HR consulting activities within Financial Services and various other industries. These include projects undertaken in Asset Management, Investment Banking, Education, Engineering, Head Hunting, Hedge Funds, Leisure, Private Equity, Property, Telecommunications and Wealth Management. The assignments have been varied but include mandates in the remuneration, redundancy and pension areas, such as:

- Reviewing and recommending total remuneration structures;
- Advising on long term incentive strategies;
- Re-structuring a business management team;
- Coaching “in house” HR managers;
- Providing HR consultancy to Private Equity investee companies in various business sectors;
- Acting as an independent European HR Director;
- Advising the Remuneration Committee Chairman of a FTSE 350 regarding compensation best practice;
- Preparing a remuneration structure for a CEO hire and
- Assisting in the recruitment of a Wealth Management team.

Additionally, I take instructions as an expert witness from solicitors acting for both claimants and defendants and as a single joint expert. I prepare career employment and remuneration reports in connection with personal injury, clinical negligence, commercial litigation and Employment Tribunal claims. I have given oral evidence in Court and at Employment Tribunal hearings and have been deposed several times in legal proceedings in the USA.

I am currently a Director of the Bank of America Merrill Lynch UK Pension Plan Trustees Limited and Chairman of the Administration and Governance Sub-Committee. I am Chairman of the Merrill Lynch (Channel Islands) Pension Scheme, the Merrill Lynch (UK) Healthcare Trustee Limited and the Fleet National Bank UK Pension Plan. I am also a Trustee of the Visa Europe Pension Plan and Chairman of the Administration and Governance Sub-Committee.

Prior to joining GMR I was employed in the Financial Services Industry for over thirty years, working for S.G. Warburg Group plc, Mercury Asset Management Group plc and Merrill Lynch Europe plc. I was involved in all aspects of HR with particular emphasis regarding remuneration, benefits, payroll and policy.

I was a member of the S.G. Warburg integration committee in 1986 (“Big Bang”) when the business was merged with Akroyd & Smithers, Mullins and Rowe & Pitman and a key responsibility was the harmonization of the remuneration and benefits strategy. In 1989 I transferred to Mercury Asset Management to establish a dedicated asset management HR function and subsequently became the Head of HR for Mercury Asset Management, working for the Chairman and the non-executive directors who constituted the Senior Appointments and Remuneration Committee. I was responsible for the delivery of the Mercury Asset Management remuneration strategy and this involved establishing both approved and unapproved share schemes. The role was closely aligned to the business giving me the opportunity to work with both the Deputy Chairman and Chief Investment Officer.

In 1998 I became a member of the takeover team negotiating with Merrill Lynch the remuneration and “lock in” strategy. After the takeover I worked to align the Mercury Asset Management benefits with the Merrill Lynch total remuneration model. I was extensively involved in a complex pension integration, resulting in the Mercury Asset Management Scheme becoming part of the Merrill Lynch UK Pension Plan in 1999.

I was Head of Compensation, Benefits and Payrolls for the Europe, Middle East and Africa Region (EMEA) for all the Merrill Lynch businesses. During that time I reported to the Head of International HR in London and Head of Global Remuneration and Benefits in New York. My corporate recognition title was Managing Director.

Professional bodies and awards:

Associate of The Institute of Financial Services
Affiliated member The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
Member of The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
Member of The Association of Professional Pension Trustees
Pensions Management Institute Award in Pension Trusteeship
Member of The Academy of Experts
Member of The Expert Witness Institute
Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) 1st Tier Expert
The Cardiff University Expert Witness Certificate
American Association of Justice (AAJ) Expert