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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 19 November, 1977 **Nationality:** British, Bahamian, Swiss

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn: Called 14th October, 2004

The Bar of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas: Called 10th December, 2004.

Bar Vocational Course, College of Law, 2003-2004. Very Competent.

Queen Mary, University of London: LLB, Senior Status (2-year course), 2001-2003; 2:1.

London School of Economics: MSc in Theory and History of International Relations, 2000-2001; 2:1, with 1st on Masters' dissertation.

Harvard University, Cambridge Massachusetts, USA, 1995-1999. BA (hons) in Government, minor in French. Awarded \$100,000.00 scholarship from Lyford Cay Foundation, Nassau, Bahamas.

Queen's College High School, Nassau, Bahamas, 1989-1995.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

4 King's Bench Walk Chambers, Tenant from 1 June, 2006 (Pupillage May 2005-May 2006). Regularly instructed in the Employment Tribunals (first and upper tiers), in the county courts on a range of matters, and in personal injury claims (including high value). Commercial practice includes advising on company liquidations and liquidator/auditor negligence, property and financial contract disputes, and cases with an international element, including appearances at the Privy Council as a led junior.

Just completed complex asset recovery trial led by Lawrence Power and instructed by Howes Percival examining and applying trust law in relation to the rights of a wife when there is an asset recovery claim against the husband. Dealing with general equity and trusts jurisdiction and the doctrine of the equity of exoneration. International aspects included asset recovery in Spain & Gibraltar. Judgment pending.

HMCE/HMRC, Asset Forfeiture Unit: September 2004 – May 2005. Paralegal for Cash Forfeiture Team under Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Legal Advice Centre, College of Law: Volunteer, 2003-2004.

Queen Mary Mooting Competition: Winner, 2002-2003.

Queen Mary College Law Journal: Editor 2002-2003. Article in Issue 8 entitled 'A Restatement of the Defence of Duress as a Partial Excuse to Murder'.

Lord Chancellor's Department, Legal Advisor's Group: 2-week placement, summer 2002.

McKinney, Turner & Co, Attorneys-at-Law, Nassau Bahamas. Paralegal from 1999-2000 and Summer 2002. Further work in advisory capacity since call to the Bahamas Bar including libel, commercial insolvency and Privy Council cases.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS

Languages:

English: native speaker

French: advanced reading, intermediate conversational and writing skills

German: basic, with conversational Swiss-German

Membership: Speakers for Schools programme; PIBA, ELBA.

Swimming: Bahamas National Swim Team 1990-1996; held several Bahamian National swim records. Harvard Women's Swim Team, 1995-1996.

Interests: Running, yoga, art history, English and American literature, hiking, tennis, writing.