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A highly experienced Expert Witness who has very wide experience in Private Banking, Investment Management issues and Wealth Management. Thomas has spent 19 years managing Private Banks and a total of 28 years in the city managing or advising clients on investment and their banking needs. He also has wide experience of UK, Offshore and International situations. Recent cases have involved working for financial institutions and clients in Interest Rate Swaps, Property Lending and adherence to Investment Objectives.

During recent years he has dealt with a multitude of client situations and resolved them to the satisfaction of the parties involved. He is accredited by the UK Register of Expert Witnesses and the Expert Witness Institute. Court Cross Examination is a speciality as well as advising on pre-litigation decisions on a Particulars of Claim.

Thomas also provides Consultancy Services to an International Client base relating to Financial, Banking and Tax matters and is a CEDR Accredited Mediator.

A specialist in dispute resolution with financial institutions and over the last few years and has been involved in the following cases with the following themes:

- Interest Rate Swap mis-selling cases.
- Inappropriate actions by offshore trustees on behalf of beneficiaries.
- Professional Indemnity cases brought against surveyors and independent financial advisors ('IFAs').
- Derivative mis-selling cases.
- Contract for differences cases.
- A case which was brought against a firm of accountants which had been involved with a client who had taken out a multi-currency mortgage.
- Situation where a client had provided an order which was misinterpreted by the Investment Manager.
- Offshore Clients which had a Portfolio and were represented by Offshore and Onshore Banks, Investment Advisors and Managers.
- A portfolio which had been managed with an inappropriate risk profile and substantial costs had been incurred through investment in over risky assets.
- Investment Managers obligations in the provision of advice.
- Independent Financial Advisors obligations to Clients.
- Clients which had suffered loss through foreclosure of a loan arrangement.
- Investment managers obligations in execution of client instructions.
- A reporting error in the quarterly valuations sent to the client, which showed a grossly inflated valuation.
- Deduction for US income tax made when client had not completed appropriate documentation.

- Investments which had been made which were inappropriate for the client.
- Errors where limit orders had not been executed.
- Substantial losses incurred through investments in future and options and open derivatives.
- Errors in completion of repossession of property when a loan has gone into default.
- Lending by a Bank in a Property Transaction.
- Criminal cases involving Fraud and Insider Dealing.

Career History

Expert Evidence Limited

2010-

Providing Expert Witness Services to the UK and UK dependences' High Courts in respect of Banking, Wealth Management, Lending, Securities and Investment and also Regulation. See www.expert-evidence.com

Director

US Tax and Financial Services

2010-

Creation and establishment of a business proving consultancy and Tax advice to UK and Middle East's Financial Institutions and Individuals. See www.ustaxonline.com

CEO US Tax & Financial Services Middle East

Wilton & Partners

2009-2011

A Professional Accountancy firm providing private client and corporate services. See www.wiltongroup.com

Head of Client Development

Bank Leumi (UK) Limited

2006-2009

Bank Leumi is the largest of the international Israeli banks. It forms part of a group based in 21 countries and specialises in Private and Commercial Banking operations.

Head of Private Banking

Royal Bank of Canada Investment Management (UK) Limited, London 2000-2006

The London Investment companies which form part of the Global Private Banking Group

Senior Investment Counsellor and Director of RBCIM (UK) and RBCIM (USA)

Managing Director of RBCIM (UK) and RBCIM (USA)

portfin.com Limited

1999-2000

An internet facilities company providing services to the private client financial services sector and having clients which are banks, stockbrokers and fund managers.

Chief Operating Officer

Duncan Lawrie Limited, London

1992-1999

A Private Bank based in Belgravia offering a full service banking, investment management and trust service through the offices in London, Isle of Man and Cyprus. It had approx. £500m of funds under group control and about 100 employees.

Director & Senior Executive Officer (SFA & IMRO). Alternate Director of Duncan Lawrie (IOM). Chairman of Duncan Lawrie Unit Management. Chairman of Group Marketing Committee. Member of Personnel and IT subcommittees.

John Govett & Co Ltd, London

1987-1992

An institutional fund management company specialising in general, strategic and Emerging markets.

Director and Investment Manager

On the board of Global Stock Investments and Head of International Private Clients. Fund Manager of Govett UK Small Companies Fund (Jan 1988 – Jan 1992), Govett Strategic Investment Trust (Jan 1990 – Apr 1991) and other funds. Specialist in UK smaller company investment and the corporate development of companies in the portfolio.

Robert Fleming & Co Ltd, London

1984-1987

Family Merchant Bank primarily based in London and Far East providing Investment Management and Corporate Finance – now part of J P Morgan Chase.

Manager in Charge of Unquoted Investments. Set up a Venture Capital Fund 'Fleming Ventures' which raised £20m and closed in April 1985.

Early Career

Welwyn Electronics Ltd, Northumberland

1981-1984

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Ltd, Newark and Chelmsford

1977-1981

Ebara Manufacturing Company, Fujisawa, Japan

1976

Education

CEDR Mediation Course

2011

Bond Solon Expert Witness Training on Courtroom Skills

2010

Bristol University

1974-1981

B.Sc. (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering

Ph.D. in Rolling Element Bearing Dynamics

Cheltenham College

1968-1973

Awards

Micropal Investment Small Cap Manger over 10 years (1st) (1992)

Micropal Investment Small Cap Manger over 5 years (2nd) (1992)

Raymond Coleman Prescott Scholarship (1976) to study 'Production and Management Techniques in Japan'.

Wertheimer Memorial Prize (1977).

Turners Company Design Award (Bronze 1981).

Tribology Bronze Medal (1981).

Publications: 3 Investment Articles & 10 Technical Papers and Articles.

Patents: (co-inventor) on 1 European and 2 UK Patents

Languages: French (a little), Japanese (slight knowledge); Basic. Fortran; OCL, etc.

Professional: Centre of Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR Exchange Member)

Institution of Mechanical Engineers (Member)

Institution of Electrical Engineers (Member)

Association of Certified Accountants (Diploma)

Series 65 Exams on US Securities Laws (Pass)

Electrical Installations Level 2 (Pass)

Regulatory: Regulated by FSA as a CF27(-2009), as a Form 3 Individual (DL), SFA (DL), IMRO registered representative, Bank of England (UK deposit taking institutions) and Financial Supervision Commission (Isle of Man).