

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Eur Ing** - Registered with the Fédération European d'Associations Nationales d'Ingénieur as a practising engineer in Europe
- BEng** - Bachelor of Science
Electrical and Electronic Engineering
University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology
- FSSocDip** - Forensic Science Society Diploma in Fire Investigation
- CEng** - Registered with the Engineering Council as a practising Chartered Engineer in the UK
- MIEE** - Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers
- MIFireE** - Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers

EXPERIENCE

Geoffrey Hunt & Partners, Consulting Engineers & Scientists
Associate Forensic Engineer - 2005 to present

- investigating the origin, cause and spread of fires and explosions;
- investigation of electrical defects and failures - particular expertise in fires of electrical origin;

- leading multi-disciplinary teams of experts in the investigation of large or technically complex losses (architects, security experts, mechanical, electrical and structural engineers);
- appraisal of employer and contractor compliance with safe working practices including gas and electrical safety, hot work and the cleaning of industrial kitchen extract ductwork;
- assessment of Building Regulations compliance and the effectiveness/installation quality of structural fire protection measures including cavity barriers/closers and fire compartmentation;
- provision of technical advice in product recalls and in the pursuit and defence of subrogated Product Liability claims;
- preparation of fire investigation/forensic reports for use by Insurers, Loss Adjusters and Solicitors in Civil and Criminal litigation and the defence of Health & Safety Executive Prosecutions;
- attending Court to give expert evidence - experience of giving evidence in Criminal and Civil Courts.

Mr Jones has undertaken over 1100 forensic investigations dealing with the cause and spread of fires in buildings and vehicles as well as a wide variety of 'white' and 'brown' electrical and electronic goods. He also undertakes investigations relating to personal injuries, electrocutions, and engineering failures. He has appeared in Court as an Expert Witness in Civil and Criminal cases.

Noteworthy cases have included:

- 'The Ark', Hammersmith - successful recovery following a sprinkler control system failure that resulted in over £4 million of water damage;
- Digital, Basingstoke - successful recovery in a £25 million office fire caused by a small electrical connector;
- R -v- Bramley - prosecution of a serial fraudster, who specialised in high value sports cars, following a fire in a Lotus Esprit Le Mans racer;
- R -v- Snape - prosecution of a fraudulent fire setter proved by damage to brickwork and novel interpretation of smoke patterns;
- Carnaud Metal Box, Westhoughton - successful defence of inappropriate manslaughter charges raised by the Health & Safety Executive following a double fatality in a chimney;
- Bolam -v- Tiley, Spennymore - successful apportionment of liability arising from the spread of fire started by hot work in a combined abattoir, shop and restaurant that resulted in £5million worth of damage;

- The "Exploding Dog Catcher of Newham" - successful settlement of a personal injury claim within a month of instruction following four years of litigation;
- Prudential Assurance -v- London Electricity - successful recovery of property damage and business interruption losses following an electricity sub-station explosion in the City

Capita Insurance Services (formerly Capita McLarens and McLarens Toplis)
Forensic Engineer - 1998 to 2005

Joined McLarens Toplis to establish a Fire Investigation and Forensic Engineering service within the company.

R B Hawkins and Associates Ltd.
Associate Forensic Engineer - 1990 to 1998

Investigation of fires, explosions and general engineering matters.

Sira Safety Services

Engineering consultancy specialising in the testing and certification for safe use of electrical apparatus for use in flammable atmospheres. Design and presentation of training courses to plant managers and technicians in the chemical, oil and gas industries regarding the safe selection, erection and maintenance of explosion protected electrical apparatus. Plant inspections, maintenance audits, Area Classification assessments and apparatus conformity assessments.

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.

Joined as a sponsored student and worked in the design offices after graduation. Secondments in the site construction, equipment commissioning, maintenance and quality assurance departments, dealing mainly with the electrical controls of bespoke mechanical handling plant.

Associations

An Associate of Sira Test and Certification conducting training courses dealing with the ATEX directives and DSEAR Regulations, concerned mainly with electrical equipment for use in potentially flammable atmospheres.

Affiliate of the Forensic Science Society

Listed by the UK Register of Expert Witnesses

Member of the IEE special interest group 'Engineers and the Law'

Lecturer on Greater Manchester Fire Brigade's internal courses on electrical engineering aspects of fire investigation and similarly on open courses run by Lancashire Fire Brigade

Member of the Committee reporting to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the National Occupational Standards for Fire Investigators.