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QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION

1996 - Qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales

1993 - Law Society Finals College of Law, York, UK

1992 – First Class B.A. (Hons), M.A. in Law - Churchill College, Cambridge University

LANGUAGES

English 

Elaine Johnson

Experienced English lawyer with more than 20 years of private practice and in-house experience.

EXPERIENCE

Of Counsel

Logan & Partners, Lausanne, Switzerland

Jan 2020 – Present

Advises on an extensive range of corporate, commercial and technology agreements from leading large scale, multi-jurisdictional projects to drafting bespoke agreements. Has a breadth of experience across financial services, technology, retail and leisure sectors.

AkinvovA Limited

Senior Legal Consultant

2019 – Present

Advising a start-up business on the legal aspects of its launch of a ground-breaking electronic marketplace for reinsurance products including drafting its suite of customer facing documents and GDPR advice.

Senior Legal Consultant

BT PLC

2018 – 2019

Advised BT on complex outsourcing and key strategic arrangements including bids, new framework agreements and in-life project management for its strategic corporate clients including Lloyds, Aviva, IAG and Nationwide.

Head of Legal

Wonga Group Limited

2012 - 2018

Handled corporate transactions and strategic commercial and IT agreements. Reported at exec/board level and sat on several governance committees. Dealt with two group restructures, data protection advice, management of the group's IP portfolio, property advice, company secretarial duties and corporate governance advice, commercial disputes and employment matters.

Senior Associate

Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP

2006 - 2012

Provided specialist legal advice to clients in the hospitality, leisure and retail sectors. Areas of expertise included management and operating agreements, franchises, concessions, leases, hotel and leisure development projects, the sale and purchase of hotel businesses and the financing and refinancing of hotels. Negotiated hotel deals across the globe with most of the major international chains (Hilton, Ritz Carlton, Marriott, Accor, Starwood, IHG, Four Seasons).

Head of Legal - Group IT & Operations

Lloyds Banking Group

2005

Provided legal advice primarily for large scale outsourcing projects, transformation projects and "business as usual" procurements.

Senior Solicitor

SJ Berwin & Co

1994 – 2004

Advised on a wide range of commercial, outsourcing and technology agreements for multi-national companies including Hilton, Coca-Cola, Ticketmaster and Associated British Foods. Provided specialist IP advice on corporate transactions.