



## Peter Smith

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### Experience & specialist fields

Peter has specialised in Forensic Accounting since 1992. He formed Quantis in 2004. Peter acted as both an expert witness, a single joint expert and as an arbitrator in a wide range of matters.

His 'in-house' role involved advising businesses, individuals, public bodies and charitable organisations on the financial issues at the outset of a dispute / investigation. In addition to acting for in-house clients, Peter was instructed regularly by external bodies in a number of significant matters. These include acting as an expert accountancy witness in a number of fraud and civil cases, being appointed both as an arbitrator and single joint expert and being appointed to both the ICAEW President's Appointment Scheme and Public Guardianship Office's Investigating and Reporting Panel.

Peter speaks regularly at conferences and seminars. In 2004 he spoke to over 200 delegates at the United Nations International Commercial Fraud Colloquium in Vienna and in 2005 was a keynote speaker at the North American Fraud Conference in Washington DC.

### Court attendance

He has given oral testimony in both civil and criminal proceedings, including:

- Breach of contract / warranty claims
- Completion account disputes
- Shareholder / Partnership disputes
- Matrimonial disputes
- Commercial disputes / Loss of profit claims
- Business / Share valuations
- Criminal Defence
- Corporate and Charity Fraud investigations
- Professional negligence
- Business Interruption claims
- Personal Injury / Fatal Accidents / Clinical negligence for employed and self-employed including athletes, company directors, professions, Police, Armed Forces, tradesmen and Minors.

## **Career history**

Peter qualified in 1992. Up until March 2001 he was the Director responsible for Deloitte's Northern Forensic Accounting practice and was the UK Director for its Business Insurance Consulting Group. From 2001 to 2004, Peter was Head of Forensic Services at Dickinson Dees, Law Firm, providing him with invaluable experience in seeing disputes from a solicitor's perspective.

## **Professional memberships & Qualifications**

- Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW)
- Panel Member of President's Appointment Scheme of ICAEW in expert witness and determinations
- Member of Expert Witness Institute and Society of Expert Witnesses
- Member of Public Guardianship Office's Investigation and Reporting Panel
- Board Director of NIFA
- Board Director of Northumbria Coalition against Crime
- North East Fraud Forum Steering Committee Member
- Member of Association of Personal Injury Lawyers Expert Panel
- Fraud Advisory Panel member and sits on Cybercrime Working Party
- Northern Society of Chartered Accountant's Police Liaison Officer