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Experience

During the seven years with Price Waterhouse, I was involved in the audit of large manufacturing businesses in a variety of business sectors including textiles, engineering and brewing. My career moved from assisting on assignments, to running the assignments as lead senior on site, and then to managerial roles for a portfolio of clients, reporting through to senior managers and partners. I was also involved in a number of specialist assignments performing due diligence on site and then assisting in the preparation of the report to clients.

At Newby Castleman my role as Manager initially had me reviewing the work of up to six staff, and liaising with the partner to complete all areas of client work. I became familiar with all the compliance work for tax and company secretarial work for clients. After three years, I was promoted to Partner in their Nottingham associate firm, and became fully responsible for all aspects of client work in a variety of business sectors. My client base covered business start ups through to £40 million turnover family companies. Following the re-vamping of the associate systems and procedures, this separate partnership was merged into the main practice, and I was made a full partner.

In addition to all the routine compliance work for my portfolio of clients, I have also been involved in evaluation of businesses as purchase targets and grooming them for sale, and valuation work for a variety of fiscal and family reasons. At Newby Castleman my principal clients covered the following business sectors; farming, light engineering, small retail shops, educational establishments and professional partnerships, e.g. doctors, solicitors, estate agents, etc.

On my move to Hobsons, I have retained my existing portfolio of clients and have become more involved with specialist educational sector work. I am also increasingly providing assistance to the Director in charge of the firm's litigation support and forensic accountancy services.

Career History

1977-1984	Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants Nottingham Under a training contract initially, rising to Assistant Manager.
1984-2011	Newby Castleman Leicester and Nottingham Audit Manager, promoted to Partner in associated firm in Nottingham in 1987. then to Partner in firm in September 1995. Resigned from partnership in 2011.
2011-date	Hobsons Chartered Accountants Partner/Director

Professional memberships & Qualifications

BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance (Lancaster University in 1977)

Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (FCA) (1990) (qualified as a member in 1980)