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Fellow and Vice President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers

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He has just completed a period as International Director of Information Technology at Clifford Chance the largest commercial law firm in the world. His responsibilities covered all aspects of Information Technology and Telecommunications systems. He directed the programme that continues to integrate the many disparate systems that resulted from the 3 way merger between Clifford Chance, Rogers and Wells in the USA and Punder in Germany. This programme will result in a set of state-of- the-art platforms that will provide leading edge global services. As a result of this work the firm has won awards for its Global IT services and is regularly quoted in the press as leading the legal services world in its exploitation of IT.

As Head of Information Systems at the Wellcome Trust he was responsible and accountable for the specification, development, procurement and operation of the information systems in the Trust, the largest charity in asset terms in the UK and the principle private funder of medical research.

At GCHQ he held a board level appointment (Director of Science and Technology; Grade 3) and was financially and programmatically accountable for the strategic direction, development and procurement of all information and communication systems. He was responsible for all scientific, engineering and technological policy in GCHQ and, as head of profession, throughout the intelligence community within the UK.

He was managing director of Brian Collins Consulting Limited, his own company. Prior to that as a full time consultant at KPMG and PCSL included engagements in both the UK and Europe. They were concerned with Information Systems security policy and architectures, security in electronic messaging systems, policy issues for services carried on information and telecommunications systems, strategic infrastructure design, information systems security audits and policy reviews.

He has lectured widely on Business Process Analysis and alignment of Information Systems to meet business needs, Procurement of Information Systems, Security Systems and Security Management and Change Management. He has run teaching courses on Security Management, Information Security Technology and on Best Practice Methods in Information Systems procurement and management.