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QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Highly accomplished diplomat and public policy advisor to the British Government with expertise in diverse areas of public policy and government affairs. Served as a former aide to the British Under-Secretary of State for Justice. Comprehensive background in executive leadership, public relations, event management, and budgeting. Fluent in Spanish, French, and Welsh.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Conceived and established common privacy laws as one of the British Government's top 4 priorities for EU relations with the USA concerning counter-terrorism, counter-proliferation, and counter-narcotics.
- ▶ Played an influential role in the external communications portion of work that supported the unprecedented use by the Justice Secretary of a veto that overruled a court decision to order the disclosure of government information around the Iraq war.
- ▶ Contributed to altering the direction of Britain's negotiating position on a Europol-Russia agreement by delicately managing government clients including British Foreign Office, British Serious Organized Crime Agency, and British Home Office.
- ▶ Assisted in altering the British Government's unpopular policy to introduce FOI Fees using evidence-based arguments and offering alternative popular policies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FAIR MINISTRY - LONDON (2006 - 2011)

Senior Advisor & Diplomat - International Information Policy (2008 - 2011)

Led efforts to secure international agreements with the Canadian and Australian governments that were favorable to the British vision for privacy policy. Provided direction to the British Government's international information exchange strategy and propelled the development of a parallel strategy within the EU to focus international policing arrangements.

- ▶ Acted as the architect of successful negotiations with the European Commission, which ended a 4-year dispute that threatened European Court proceedings against the British Government.
- ▶ Improved visibility across government by cultivating a network of policy and operational stakeholders as well as forging new contacts throughout the EU, USA, Canada, and Australia.

Senior Advisor - Freedom of Information Policy (2006 - 2008)

Reviewed the British Government's FOI litigation strategy, identified vehicles to challenge, and shaped British law in line with policy objectives. Played a key role in ensuring government-wide compliance with the Prime Minister's FOI policy.

- ▶ Advised the Justice Secretary on complex legal and politically driven policy.
- ▶ Maintained full responsibility for creating the media and stakeholder handling strategy, which minimized media criticism of the British Government's unprecedented use of a veto against the disclosure of Cabinet papers on the Iraq war.

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Econ International Relations & Terrorism (2005) - University of Wales, UK

Bachelor of Arts, Politics (2003) - University of Exeter, UK; Graduated with Honors