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Chris has forty years of experience in the English Legal System, having worked as a solicitor; a partner in private practice; Prosecutor; and Chief Crown Prosecutor. Over many years in practice, he has consistently demonstrated his ability to understand and analyse complex evidence and data supporting cases of all types, including complex fraud and murder. His wealth of experience and reputation for impartial and balanced treatment over many thousands of cases led to Chris being awarded an OBE in the 2006 New Years Honours List.

Throughout his career, Chris has led and been involved in technology programmes looking to transform the way that justice-related services are discharged. His appreciation of how technology can be used to complement and enhance the way that cases of all types can be progressed has been demonstrated through involvement in many innovative IT-based programmes.

Chris has demonstrated that carefully implemented and integrated technology can support more efficient public services through his success in leading teams and organisational changes:

- As CCP, Chris managed large casework teams, achieving consistently high performance ratings across a wide spectrum of measures.
- Chris led the introduction of LCJBs, realising the promise of close liaison with other CJS agencies. His drive to use data and technology effectively was demonstrated as LCJB Chair, when he introduced a number of technology-supported inter-agency initiatives to improve case handling and victim/witness care.
- Chris had a major role within a CPS PFI technology contract to implement a new casework management system and inter-agency exchange of case information. Chris acted as Chair of the COMPASS Programme Board; Programme Director; and Business Change Director for this £300m programme, which rolled out to time and to budget, along with gaining a "Green" status for all OGC Gateway Reviews. Chris was also used an expert user to define the functional requirements for the systems and defined key links with other systems.
- In order to ensure the effective implementation of any IT-dependent programme, resolution of potential disputes and communication with stakeholders (internal and external) is vital. Chris has demonstrated his success over many years to implement technological change that resolves the inevitable initial issues and delivers lasting benefits over many years. To this end, Chris represented the CPS at national level on the Benefits Realisation Group within OCJR and developed strategies to resolve inter-system functional and performance issues.

Since retiring from the Crown Prosecution Service in 2005 Chris has continued to work in public and private sectors as Head of Criminal Justice with management consultants Meadean Limited. In addition, he has worked as a Victim Support Trustee with responsibility for training and his proven communication and dispute/issue resolution skills have been recognised in being appointed to the Dispute Resolution Panel for the Single Electricity Market (SEM) in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.