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ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1984	B.A Law, Cambridge University (Emmanuel College 1981-1984). Starred Double First Class degree and best degree result.
1985	B.C.L, Oxford University (Jesus College, 1984-5).
1986	Barrister-at-Law.
1986	Pupillage, Chambers of Lord Irvine of Lairg QC, 11 Kings Bench Walk, London.

HONOURS

1980	Royal Geographical Society Prize for the best A Level result.
1984	Slaughter and May University Prize at Cambridge University.
1986	Harmsworth Law Scholar, Middle Temple Inn, London.

EMPLOYMENT 1987- 2008

1987-1988	:	Pt-time law lecturer in Contract & Trusts at the London School of Economics; Jesus College, Oxford and New College, Oxford.
1988- 1993	:	Law Fellow, Keble College and CUF Lecturer, Oxford University
1993- 1997	:	Law Fellow, Harris Manchester College and CUF Lecturer
1993- 1996	:	Co-Founder and Chair of Trustees, Epilepsy Bereaved
1999-	:	Law lecturer, Keble College (Part-time)
1999-	:	Director, Epilepsy Bereaved (Part-time)

Background information

I have 20 years experience teaching law at Oxford University specializing in Constitutional and Administrative Law. I have 13 years experience teaching British Legal system for Southern Methodist University and Georgia University during their summer courses in Oxford.

I was appointed to a Fellowship and member of the Governing Body of Keble College, Oxford in 1988. For five years I specialized in constitutional and administrative law and contract and after two years was the acting Senior Tutor in Law at Keble College responsible for the management of the admissions, teaching and pastoral care of all law students at the college; had pastoral responsibility for all women students at the College and collectively shared as part of the Fellowship in the governance responsibilities of the College. My research and publications were in the medico-legal field.

In 1993 I was recruited to set up and manage a new law department aimed at increasing access for mature students studying law at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University. I was responsible for the recruitment of college lecturers in law and the administration of the

law department in addition to teaching and research responsibilities and successfully ran the law department until I resigned in 1997 to pursue my evolving interests in lobbying; politics and research (see below).

I continue to teach part-time at Keble College, Oxford specializing in Constitutional Law. My teaching is informed by my work outside of the University in both politics, campaigning and research.

Lobby experience

Between 1990 and 1995 I founded the first self-help group of families affected by SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in epilepsy) following my partner being diagnosed with epilepsy and dying suddenly in 1990. In 1995 Epilepsy Bereaved was founded as a charity with the aims of preventing epilepsy-related deaths through research, education and awareness and through support and enablement of people affected by SUDEP and other seizure-related deaths.

In 2002 I organized the first international conference into SUDEP. This acted as a catalyst for international research and to the UK governments funding a national investigation. I was the project lead and co-author of the *National Sentinel Clinical Audit of Epilepsy-Related Death: Epilepsy- death in the shadows*. Hanna NJ, Black M, Sander JWS, et al. London: The Stationery Office 2002. This report led to the first national clinical guidelines for epilepsy and the investigation of deaths. Internationally our work has been recognized as having led the world (Lancet 2002; Global Conversation 2006). Our Educational work has stimulated research and a global debate on SUDEP and our key messages (and literature) have been adopted by organizations working in Europe; Australia and Canada.

Since 2002 I have led a variety of campaigns across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland including reform of the Coroners system in England and Wales – the legal system for the investigation of deaths and working closely with polticians, governments and civil servants.

In 2008 our current campaign relates to a new collaboration with King's College, London and King's College Hospital. This is a partnership to establish the first SUDEP Research Initiative including a national monitoring centre for epilepsy deaths.

Political experience

1996- 1999 : Non-Executive Director, Radcliffe Infirmary NHS Trust Hospital, Oxford.
1999- : Elected as Town Councillor (former Deputy Mayor) Wantage Town
2003- : Elected District Councillor, Vale of the White Horse.
2002- 2004 : Non-Executive Director, South West Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust
2007- : Oxfordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee

Medico-legal experience

I am a trained concilator and mediator and during the 1990's led Oxfordshire Health Authority training on mediation and conciliation skills for their team of lay conciliators working to resolve complaints in the NHS. This led on to my appointment as a Non-Executive Director of a NHS Trust Hospital and subsequently a Primary Care Trust. Currently I am a member of the Oxfordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.

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I have successfully established a specialist information & support service for families affected by SUDEP. I have experience supporting people bringing some individual high profile complaints including a Fatal Accident Inquiry in Scotland (Findlay Inquiry 2002) which led to the change of system across Health Boards in Scotland. 42% of SUDEP deaths are potentially avoidable and the charity supports families negotiating the system for investigation of sudden deaths; the complaints system and has established good working relations with Action for Victims of Medical Accidents and a specialist London medico-legal practice a partnership to help families pursue legal claims. I am involved regularly in training of medical professionals on good practice in the management of epilepsy and prevention of SUDEP.

Other appointments

2002 –2004 : Member, National Clinical Guideline Development Group for Epilepsy
2001-2004 : Member of the Executive and Vice-Chair of the Joint Epilepsy Council
2001- : Chair of the Health Policy Group, Joint Epilepsy Council
1996-1998 : Management committee, Oxford Council for Voluntary Organisations

Reference available from Dr Ed Peel, Senior Law Tutor, Keble College, Oxford