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**Aged 44, I am a Pensions Specialist with almost 27 years experience in Pensions & Annuities, 20 at a senior level. Passionate about pensions, I have devoted my working life to pensions.
I am ACII and G60 qualified and have full FPC.**

Résumé

July 2003 to present

With my colleague Gary Forster I set up Annuity-Advisor.co.uk. The aim of Annuity-Advisor.co.uk is to give factual information about pensions and annuities in a format easy for people to understand. Our aim is to give the public enough information for them to make their own informed decisions about the best options for them. With a little help, people often are their own best financial advisors.

April 97 to July 2003

During this time I worked for Pearl Assurance as a senior member of their Pension Review team. I was both a senior manager and technician and set up three departments within the Pension Review area. Two of these departments were Reinstatements (putting customers back into their company pension schemes who had been mis-sold a Pearl Personal Pension) and Actual Loss. Actual Loss is where someone had retired or dies after being mis-sold; calculating and paying compensation for the mis-selling.

April 96 to March 97

For this year I worked for one of the largest IFA's in the midlands P&G Bland. I was principal in disseminating the new 96 Pensions Act to Bland customers. I was also technical manager and liaison for the whole consultant sales team. I also set up technical calculation routines enabling company scheme executives to maximise the tax-free cash they could take from their company scheme.

Feb 92 to March 96

I was a self-employed corporate consultant to several large companies including the Dixons Group and Ricardo Consulting Engineers. For Dixons I gave group presentations on the Dixons Company Pension Scheme and individual counselling to all staff from shop floor workers to directors of the group. For Ricardo I set up their in house company pension scheme administration system.

Nov 87 Jan 92

Administration Manager for Varity Holdings (Previously Massey Ferguson Holdings). My roles here included looking after the pension benefits for every executive in the group including the establishment of a Bonus Sacrifice scheme for senior managers. I also set up and ran Pre Retirement courses for staff within the group.

Nov 85 to Oct 87

Pensions and Benefits Manager for Reed International. This was before the Reed split when their company pension scheme was the tenth largest private scheme in the UK. In addition to running the administration department I also had sole responsibility for the executives pension scheme. I was the technical and pensions advisor for all directors and executives in the group.

June 80 to Nov 84

Team Leader for the Pensions New Business Department for MGM Assurance in Worthing. At MGM I helped set up their whole New Business Administration function being one of the first Insurance Companies to fully computer automate.

I am Professionally Qualified (ACII), Full FPC qualified and G60 qualified.