

John Raper

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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

I have prepared expert reports on occupational exposure for 25 years. My career started in manufacturing and petrochemical industries before moving into occupational and environmental consultancy in 1996.

Having accepted instructions in more than 1000 cases, I am an experienced expert witness in claims involving asbestos and substances hazardous to health.

I have been instructed in claims relating to work with asbestos-containing materials within the majority of industry sectors since I became an expert witness. I have particular expertise of work in foundries, construction, contaminated land, waste management, power generation, pharmaceutical manufacture, general manufacturing, mineral extraction, offices and public-sector buildings.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- National General Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health (1995)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the British Occupational Hygiene Society (1996)
- Technician Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (2002)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- MSc Occupational Hygiene (1996)
- BSc (Hons) Agricultural and Environmental Science (1991)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2010 - Date Pragma and Associates Ltd- Consultant Forensic Scientist

2010 - Date John Raper Consulting Ltd- Managing Director

Expert witness commissions from Claimants' and Defendants' solicitors, as well as instructions made on a joint basis, in relation to asbestos-related diseases and other occupational health issues.

Principal areas of activity: quantification of exposure to hazardous agents and risk assessment; expert witness commissions.

1998 – 2010 Wardell Armstrong

Associate Director

Preparation of expert reports for personal injury (respiratory ill health and physical agents) claims for Claimant and Defendant solicitors, and under joint instruction. Responsible for project management of asbestos surveys, the management of asbestos-containing materials within buildings and working in proximity to asbestos. Undertaking noise, COSHH and occupational health risk assessments, providing management advice to quantify and assess employee exposure to hazardous substances, and evaluate effectiveness of control measures.

Providing consultancy services to manufacturing, engineering, foundry, waste management, energy generation, infrastructure, pharmaceutical and extractive industries. Expert testimony at public inquiries on environmental and public health issues.

1996 – 1998 Vega Environmental Consultants Ltd

Supervision of asbestos projects (investigation of asbestos contamination, fibre counting, clearance testing), occupational hygiene surveys, industrial noise and COSHH assessments in a number of industrial manufacturing sectors including the asbestos removal industry. LEV testing, validation / testing of cleanrooms and clean air devices in asbestos clearance industries.

1993 – 1995 Potters Ballotini Ltd

Responsible for the quality inspection system. Member of the health and safety committee.

1992 3M UK Ltd

Laboratory analysis of chemicals.