

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Name:** James Wallace Reid Garry  
**Occupation:** Consulting Forensic Engineer

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

**Dundee College of Technology**  
Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, 1985

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

Chartered Mechanical Engineer, July 1992  
Member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers  
Registered as an Expert Witness with *The Law Society*, *The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers* and *The UK Register of Expert Witnesses*

## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

**Employer:** Strange Strange & Gardner  
**Business:** Independent Firm of Consulting Forensic Engineers  
**Position:** Senior Partner  
**Dates:** April 1986 - present

The firm is principally involved in safety matters where litigation is or may be expected, providing professional expert opinion by way of comprehensive reports and if necessary attending to give evidence at Court. Instructions are also received in relation to potential accidents, commercial cases such as damage to property and disputes arising from failure of equipment to perform to anticipated levels. The firm is consulted mainly by Solicitors (either unilaterally or on a Single Joint Expert basis), Insurance Companies and/or Loss Adjusters where an incident has caused death, personal injury or disease or where there has been some form of failure to plant or equipment.

Each investigation normally involves an inspection of the equipment and site concerned followed by preparation of a comprehensive report supported by photographs, drawings and calculations where required. The report considers the implications of any relevant statutes and published authoritative literature, including Health and Safety Executive and British Standard documentation.

I joined Strange Strange & Gardner as an Engineer in 1986 and have now investigated over 4000 claims, the vast of majority of which have been in the personal injury field, with some commercial disputes, product liability claims and criminal investigations. The range of work undertaken is significant, involving lifting of weights, the use of hand tools and general machinery, slips, trips and falls, the use of cranes and slinging, woodworking machines and toolroom machinery, scaffolding, ladders and construction work etc.

With regard to disease work, I have also investigated claims involving upper limb disorders, vibration white finger, noise-induced hearing loss, hand-arm vibration syndrome and dermatitis. Lately, I have undertaken hundreds of noise-induced hearing loss investigations, almost all of which are now on a Single Joint Expert basis, with many instructions from multiple parties.

I have also been involved in investigating more complex cases involving fire damage on spark erosion machines, collapse of equipment such as storage tanks, aluminium ladder failures (including loft ladders), trench collapses and catastrophic crane failures. I have also investigated fatal accidents, road traffic accidents (including low velocity rear impact cases) and reconstructions, product safety investigations and incidents resulting in Health and Safety Executive prosecutions or investigations. Instructions from Claimants and Defendants are roughly in equal proportion and a significant number of instructions are now on a Single Joint Expert basis.

I became a Partner in 1996 and became the Senior Partner of the firm in 2019.

### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

**Employer:** Timex Corporation  
**Business:** Watch Manufacturer  
**Position:** Apprentice/Toolmaker  
**Dates:** 1975 - 1980

My work initially involved undertaking an apprenticeship in Mechanical Engineering, eventually concentrating on toolmaking in the Heavy Progression Section, servicing the Press Shop. During this time, I undertook both ONC and HNC qualifications before leaving Timex to take up full-time education.

**Employer:** IMI Yorkshire Imperial Metals  
**Business:** Manufacture of Plumbing Fittings  
**Position:** Trainee Manager  
**Dates:** 1985 - 1986

I was involved in the organisation and operation of a Hatebur Hot Brass Stamping Section involved in tool design and process organisation.

I have significant practical engineering experience and this experience covers all aspects of mechanical engineering, including hydraulics and pneumatics as well as some electrical engineering. I have also studied ergonomics and environmental engineering as part of my degree and have experience in the application of these disciplines in industry.