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Michael Topping joined the accounting profession in 1970 and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1974. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and a Practising Member of the Academy of Experts.

From 1970 to 1978 Mr Topping worked in general practice. In 1976 he joined Deloitte as a tax specialist and became increasingly involved in litigation support. In 1980 he co-founded the firm of *Frenkel Topping*. From the outset the firm specialised in forensic accountancy and litigation support. In October 2001 the name of the accountancy practice was changed to ***Topping Partnership***.

Over the past 25 years Mr Topping has received instructions in more than 2,500 cases, involving losses resulting from personal injury, fatal accidents, business interruption, commercial disputes, professional negligence and matrimonial proceedings. The majority of his instructions are in respect of claims for loss earnings/profits resulting from personal injury ranging from relatively small to multi-million pound claims. He has given expert evidence on numerous occasions and has been involved in many high profile cases and those which have set legal precedents in relation to accounting and financial issues, including *Cookson v Knowles (1978)*, *Francis v Bostock (1985)*, *Longden v British Coal (1998)* and *Wells v Wells (1998)*.

Mr Topping accepts instructions on behalf of claimants and defendants and regularly receives instructions on a joint basis.

The timescale for the production of reports is normally within four weeks of the relevant financial information etc being made available. Charging is on the basis of the number of hours incurred and hourly rates. Court appearances are charged for on the basis of the number of hours and no charge is made for cancellations etc.