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After 10 years as a self-employed barrister specialising in public and planning law I joined Denton Wilde Sapte Solicitors. I was a member of the Senior Management Team managing diverse, multi-disciplinary, legal teams and working on major regeneration cases.

Between 2000 - 2001 I was seconded from Denton Wilde Sapte to Government as the Interim Head of Law of the Greater London Authority Transition Team (GLATT) which set up the Greater London Authority (GLA). Working in a highly pressurised environment, I was an active member of the GLATT Senior Management Team growing the organisation from 3 to 400 in less than 18 months. Together with the predecessor bodies I devised the governance arrangements (standing orders, decision making procedures and procurement processes) within the GLA and between the GLA and its arms length bodies - Transport for London, London Development Agency, Metropolitan Police Authority, London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority and London Pensions Fund Authority.

In 2003 I joined the GLA as the Director of Major Projects and Service Delivery responsible for directing resources and people to ensure the delivery of the Mayor's strategies and projects. I was responsible for and successfully achieved the restructuring of the GLA and restructuring of the London Development Agency in 2004 so they were better aligned to the Mayor's Office priorities and improved performance. My wide ranging brief included devising strategies, translating them into actionable policies, communicating those policies to stakeholders, implementing and monitoring implementation of policies on transport and transport regeneration projects, women, education, skills, young people and diversity for the London Olympics. Notable achievements included: producing the Childcare Strategy and delivering the Mayor's affordable childcare programme; setting up and managing the London Skills and Employment Board and producing the first pan London Skills and Employment Strategy; setting up and managing the Children's and Young Person's Unit and producing the London Children and Young Person's Strategy; setting up the pan-London Carers' Alliance and securing future funding; establishing the London Older People's Resource Centre and producing the Older People's Strategy; assisting the East London Mosque to build and establish a programme for its business and community centre; and delivering free travel for young persons in London.

I have extensive executive and non-executive Board experience including being an active member of the Audit Committees of the London Organising Committee Olympic and Paralympic Games, Transport for London and the City Parochial Fund. I was also a Trustee for the London Bombing Relief Fund and a Governor of Morley College.

Using my highly developed emotional intelligence along with my communications and negotiation skills I have successfully worked in complex environments with a wide range of stakeholders including community groups, local government leaders and their officers, government ministers and their advisers, business people and their representative organisations, trade unions and multi-disciplined teams of experts.

I have the intellectual rigour, practical knowledge and experience to build successful organisations, devise strategies and secure their translation into delivery. Working well with a wide range of people, my integrity, reliability and successful results command the utmost respect and confidence of colleagues at all levels.