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| <p>Joan qualified as a solicitor in 1993. She first entered the legal world as a 19 year old legal secretary and progressed to becoming a legal executive and licensed conveyancer before taking a career break, marrying and having children.</p> <p>In 1992 she decided to realise her earlier dream of becoming a criminal defence solicitor as she wanted to give a voice to those less able to represent themselves. She became a duty solicitor in 1985 and since then has represented clients at the police station and Magistrates Court.</p> <p>She was a salaried partner in private practice before joining the PDS in 2007. She therefore has a wealth of experience and was described by one satisfied customer as sic 'I like your upfront and sometimes harsh comments but bottom-line it's for the best so thank you'.</p> | |