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What did you want to do when you left school?

I originally wanted to be a secondary school teacher focusing on business studies, economics and accounting and I went to UCC and completed the B.Comm and then the plan was to continue on and complete the H.Dip. However, working in an accounting firm during the summer months gave me exposure to working as an accountant. I thoroughly enjoyed the accounting and audit side of things and felt that this career might suit me better. So, I qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2002. I do sometimes wonder, however what my life would be like if I had pursued a career in teaching. But I have no regrets.

How did you enter into the world of compliance?

It wasn't a deliberate move for me but occurred as a result of various roles I took on as my career evolved. In recent times these roles would have been more general management in nature and compliance would have played a significant part of

these roles. I was fascinated by how much legislation and regulations impact on just about every aspect of an organisation, across all industries. As I gained experience in the world of compliance I decided it would be beneficial to have a qualification in Compliance and the Diploma in Compliance was a perfect fit for me.

What do you consider are the challenges ahead for your industry?

Keeping up to date with the continuous and rapid changes which are occurring in the industry and ensuring that firms are protected from falling foul of any breaches.

How would you describe your management style?

I have a flexible management style which allows me to adapt to both the people and the areas that need managing. Open communication which works both ways is vitally important and one which I certainly encourage.

What's the most valuable advice that you have been given?

Life is precious, so make the most of it.

An accomplishment you are most proud of?

Professionally: Gaining my qualifications in Accountancy and Compliance and being involved in establishing two financial services firms (one in the Isle of Man) that continue to do well. I am currently back working for the firm where I gained my accounting qualifications and to come back and come full circle is one that perhaps has given me the greatest pleasure professionally.

Personally: Overcoming a recent serious illness that has taught me to value even more those that are close to me and understand what is important in life for me.

What are you currently watching and listening too?

Watching: I have started watching Strictly Come Dancing again. I enjoy the UK shows but I thought the Irish version was just as good. I recently watched an inspiring movie "Hidden Figures" based on the extraordinary lives of three African American women who worked at NASA and played pivotal roles in the launch into orbit of a number of astronauts achieving major advancements in the Space Race.

Listening: I have a wide and varied taste in music but I am currently listening to Susanne Sundorf a lot.

What's your favourite book of all time and what book changed your life?

I am not sure if any book I have read has changed my life but one that I did find quite interesting is The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz.

How do you relax & unwind?

I enjoy going to concerts and the theatre. Meeting up with family and friends is also a perfect way for me to unwind and relax. Travel allows me to get away from it all and I enjoy immersing myself in the culture of the places I visit.

What's your favourite restaurant?

The Barn, Glanmire, Co. Cork. As a child we were brought there for special occasions and I still enjoying going back every so often. The food, ambience and service are always top class.

Where is your favourite place in Ireland?

There is no place like home – Cork of course.

An interesting fact about you?

I lived in Bermuda for 5 years and Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta Jones were neighbours of mine. ICQ