

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr John Pollock, Consulting Actuary

Qualifications

- BSc Degree in Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics (1st Class Honours)
- Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries
- PhD in Medical Statistics, Edinburgh University

Background

Born in 1962 Dr Pollock has lectured and examined in both actuarial mathematics and statistics, both at University and for the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. He has served as the external examiner for postgraduate actuarial science degree courses at Heriot-Watt University. Prior to becoming involved in expert witness projects Dr Pollock had a background in institutional investment management, in London and Edinburgh, and was a member of the FT Actuaries Index Committee.

Dr Pollock qualified as a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries in 1986 and has been involved in providing expert actuarial opinions on a range of legal matters for around 25 years. He has been the representative of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries on the 'Ogden Working Party' since the publication of the 4th edition of the Actuarial Tables with explanatory notes for use in Personal Injury and Fatal Accident Cases in 2000. He was involved in drafting the Actuarial Professional Standard X3: The Actuary as an Expert in Legal Proceedings. In 2015 Dr Pollock was appointed by the Ministry of Justice to serve on an expert panel to provide advice to the Lord Chancellor and his counterparts in the devolved administrations on matters relating to the setting of the discount rate for use in cases of personal injury and fatal accident.

The main areas where Dr Pollock provides opinions are as follows. He produces or supervises the production of several hundred reports each year:

- Personal injury cases – Loss of pension, loss of earnings, costs of care, multipliers etc
- Personal injury cases – Advice on the structuring of Periodic Payment Orders
- Life expectancy issues – Life expectancy for disabled/injured claimants & multipliers
- Fatal accident cases – Loss of support from earnings and post retirement income
- Discount rate issues – Reports on investment conditions and discount rates
- Employment Tribunals – Loss of pension and share option calculations
- Trust & Probate – Valuation of life and reversionary interests, probate valuations
- Family law – Pension and share option valuation on divorce, pension sharing