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Mothiur trained as a lawyer at CMS Cameron McKenna, a top 20 City law firm. He joined Bircham Dyson Bell (a top 50 law firm) in March 2005 as a newly qualified solicitor, promoted to Associate in 2007 and Senior Associate in 2008. He has experience in advising on a range of environmental, planning and public law related matters, with a focus on public authorities and the marine environment. He resigned in January 2012 to begin an inquiry into creating work which engaged his passions for meaning and creativity, which led to his co-founding the Community Chartering Network and studying for a Masters in Ecological Design Thinking at Schumacher College, Devon.

Water & Environmental

- advising on applications for various Drought Orders and Drought Permits for Southern Water and Mid-Kent Water, including associated public hearings.
- advising Southern Water in relation to a draft Water Resource Management Plan (including advice on Strategic Environmental Assessments and the Habitats Directive).
- advising the Environment Agency in relation to the promotion and making of Net Limitation Orders for the protection of salmon and trout fisheries.
- advising the Port of London Authority on the use of its compulsory purchase powers to enable its wharf reactivation policy.
- Advising on a successful judicial review for the aggregates industry against the Department for Transport, in relation to harbour dues.
- advising on an inquiry into harbour dues at Langstone Harbour.
- advising BMAPA on the implications of the Marine Works Regulations 2007.
- advising the Environment Agency on the proposed Dee Conservancy Harbour Revision Order and the interface with the Port of Mostyn.

Planning & Governance

- Advising a number of petitioners to the Bill which became the Crossrail Act 2008, including drafting the petitions and attending hearings before the House of Commons Select Committee.
- Advising objectors to applications for Transport and Works Act Orders, planning applications, compulsory purchase orders, Harbour Revision Orders, including associated Environmental Impact Assessments.
- Advising Transport for London (TfL) in relation to the promotion of a Transport and Works Act Order for the West London Tram scheme.
- Advising on a successful judicial review for the aggregates industry quashing a planning permission issued for the Greenwich Millennium Village.
- Advising a local authority in relation to a Village Green application.
- Advising clients on compulsory purchase matters where land has been acquired for various schemes under compulsory purchase powers.
- Drafting and advising on the promotion of the St. Austell Market Act 2008.

- Advising on and drafting the Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill, a private Scottish member's bill.

Community Chartering Network (Jan 2012 – Dec 2014)

- Co-founder of the Community Chartering Network (www.communitychartering.org)
- As part of a cross-disciplinary and collaborative team, supporting CCoF (Concerned Communities of Falkirk) and St Ives Community Land Trust to create Community Charters.
- Assisting the Falkirk community in a planning inquiry for unconventional gas extraction which led to a moratorium on such activities in Scotland, specifically drafting representations and a legal argument and witness statements to support the vision of their Community Charter.

Ecological Design Thinking MA (Schumacher College, Devon) (Jan 2015 – June 2016)

- Embodying holistic learning and developing pathways to transition to low carbon, high well-being and resilient places and systems.
- Developing projects to deliver such transition pathways e.g. for the Buckfastleigh community in relation to their Neighbourhood Plan, and for Dartington Hall Trust to become economically resilient whilst delivering on its mission of creating a sustainable society.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ROLES

- Co-convenor of UKELA's Water Working Party (2008-9).
- An editor of Butterworth's "*Planning Law Encyclopedia*".
- A contributing author to Bircham Dyson Bell's "*Practical Guide to National Infrastructure Projects*" (2009).
- Journal of Planning and Environmental Law - "*What does the future hold for Major Infrastructure Projects after the Planning White Paper?*" (October 2007) (joint publication).
- Utility Week – "[*Large Gas Storage Schemes Need Help with Planning*](#)" (12 June 2009).
- BDB Newsletters – "*Climate Change – Moving on from the Stern Review*" (March 2007); "[*Market Mechanisms and the Government's Energy Policy*](#)" (July 2011).

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2002 - York College of Law, LPC (Distinction)

2001 - York College of Law, PgDL (Commendation)

1996 - Durham University, English Literature, BA (Hons) (2:1)

REFERENCES

Available on request.