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After service with The Third Royal Tank Regiment in Germany, Cyprus, and Northern Ireland I completed a degree in Geography at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, and an MSc course in Land Surveying at University College, London where I won the Hart Prize for Surveying. I became a Chartered Land Surveyor two years later in 1983 and subsequently a Fellow of the RICS in 1993. From 1979 to 1983 I worked in Libya, The Empty Quarter of Saudi Arabia, and in Qatar, and during this time took part in the International Karakoram Project carrying out high altitude survey work in the Himalayas of Pakistan. In 1983 I joined Iffland and Associates and worked for a year in the Andes of Peru before becoming a Principal Surveyor with them in the UK. In 1987 I came to Shropshire as a partner of The Severn Partnership, and worked mainly in the UK, but also in Gibraltar, Antarctica, and Uzbekistan. Finally in 2000 I created Morton Atkinson Associates to take advantage of the opportunity given by 30 years of experience and the latest technology, with the aim of concentrating on two specific areas: the legal aspects of land surveying, and measured building surveys with a particular interest in old and historic buildings. I have just completed a survey in North Korea in connection with an alleged helicopter crash.

I continue to play an active role in both local and professional matters, and have served on numerous RICS (Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors) and FIG (International Federation of Surveyors) councils and committees. I have been actively involved in resolving boundary problems for more than 25 years. I am a Founder Member of the Expert Witness Institute, have approved entries in Sweet & Maxwell and RICS Directories of Expert Witnesses, am a corresponding member of the RICS Boundaries and Party Walls Working Group, and am on the RICS Neighbour Disputes Service. I have completed courtroom skills and Single Joint Expert training, and have lectured and published articles on the subject of the accuracy of conveyance plans and OS mapping. I have experience of large landfill cases and rights of way litigation. On average I complete about 50 reports a year.