

## Gavin Robertson - Senior Partner, Robertson & Co.



Gavin Robertson formed Robertson & Co, a specialist surveillance, claim validation, fraud investigation and risk control company on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1997, just 2 weeks after completing 31 years of service with the Metropolitan Police.

Robertson & Co embodies the professional determination and attention to detail Gavin displayed throughout his Police career and the company's lawfully audacious approach to achieving results for its clients is a direct result of the investigative and surveillance expertise he gained.

Throughout his career with the Metropolitan police Gavin fulfilled a variety of roles within the force, many of which were based within Scotland Yard. These included Constable specialising in Gaming, Licensing and Vice, Detective Inspector and Detective Chief Inspector with the Metropolitan and City Police Company Fraud Squad dealing with High Value Fraud Investigations both at home and Abroad. He then became Staff Officer to the Deputy Assistant Commissioner Specialist Operations at Scotland Yard. Whilst Branch Commander at the Barkingside Office of Regional Crime Squad, forerunner for what would later become SOCA, he was appointed Senior Investigating Officer of the investigation, which led to the arrest and conviction of one of his own Detective Sergeants, Rodney Whitchelo. Whitchelo was found guilty of product contamination and blackmail of Heinz baby food and Pedigree dog food. A 17 year sentence of imprisonment was imposed.

Following a spell in which he successfully investigated more than 30 murders, Gavin's final position as Head of Proactive Crime Investigation against organised crime and criminals in North and East London saw him leading a team consisting of 2 crime squads, 2 drug units, 2 surveillance teams, an intelligence unit and a financial crime unit. His final case in this role led to the successful arrest and conviction of Charlie Kray who was found guilty of conspiracy to supply cocaine to the value of £30million.

Gavin's drive and ability to deliver excellence has meant that Robertson & Co has built a reputation as a highly professional and results driven organisation. He has ensured that all his staff are best of breed and remain so through continuous training. Gavin is keen to see the quality of investigators within the private sector benchmarked against professional standards and has been consulting with Government

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organisations to support new laws to regulate the licensing of investigators and to impose competency testing. He is passionate about raising industry standards and would like to see other organisations stringently vetting employees and guaranteeing ethical surveillance and investigation practices. He also remains convinced that there is still significant education required in the corporate arena raising awareness of fraud risk and cost across the many facets of an organisation.

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