

Press Release

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NEW PARTNER FOR LAW FIRM



A Grimsby lawyer who specialises in representing victims of accidents at sea has been made a partner at solicitors Bridge McFarland - 20 years after joining the firm as an office junior.

Kathryn Hudson says she hopes her achievement will act as an inspiration to others in the firm and wider profession to study for their professional qualifications and as an example to employers of the potential benefits of investing in staff.

Kathryn has been made a partner in Bridge McFarland only a year after qualifying as a solicitor. However, she already has many years' experience of dealing with personal injury cases, particularly those involving shipping and offshore workers.

She joined the firm in 1986, aged 19, and soon afterwards became secretary to the then senior partner, the late John Bridge. In 1997, she began studying for her legal qualifications and became a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives in 2001.

She went on to study part time at De Montfort University, Leicester, before passing her legal practice course with distinction last year.

Kathryn said: "I am delighted to have become a partner and I think that this is testament to the firm's willingness to invest in its staff. I have received tremendous support and encouragement over the years from colleagues, as well as from my partner and family, and I hope that other people will be encouraged to seek further training and to keep improving their qualifications.

"Studying while working full time is a demanding and heavy commitment but it is also tremendously rewarding and I firmly believe that employers who support and reward their staff for study and training end up with a happier, more loyal workforce.

“I originally left school after O’levels and wasn’t interested in further study at that stage but, after becoming John’s secretary, I became more and more involved in client work and I realised that I would like to improve my qualifications. I spoke to John and he immediately said that the firm would support me.”

Kathryn was brought up in Grimsby and attended Havelock Comprehensive School. She now lives in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Away from work, she enjoys music, walking and visiting beaches, particularly those on the west coast of Ireland.

Bridge McFarland partner and head of personal injury law Chris Cooper said: “Kathryn’s promotion recognises the significant contribution she is making to the firm and is reward for many years of dedication. Bridge McFarland is committed to supporting our people to improve their skills and qualifications and Kathryn’s success is a source of tremendous pride – and encouragement - to everyone here.”

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