



HALLIWELL

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SPECIALTIES

- Fire Investigation
- Explosion Investigation
- Litigation Experience

BIOGRAPHY

Cliff graduated from Glasgow University with an Honours degree in Chemistry in 1985. He started his career in forensics that same year, joining the Home Office Forensic Science Service initially as a Scientific Officer, and later a Higher Scientific Officer, where he carried out forensic investigations for the Police including the investigation of fires and explosions.

In 1990 Cliff left the Forensic Science Service to become an Associate with Geoffrey Hunt & Partners where he specialised in fire and explosion investigation, becoming a Partner in the firm in 1995 and Senior Partner in 2008. Cliff joined Halliwell Forensics from Geoffrey Hunt & Partners in 2023 and continues to specialise in the investigation of fires and explosions.

Cliff has carried out over 2,000 fire/explosion investigations including fires in items of electrical and gas equipment, domestic and commercial properties and in cars, lorries, ships and trains, and explosions in structures and gas fired plant in the UK, Ireland, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He has also prepared reports in defence of Health & Safety Executive prosecutions relating to incidents of fire and explosion in an industrial and/or occupational context.

Cliff has experience of giving expert evidence in Civil, Criminal and Coroners' Courts. He has also given evidence at a Rail Industry Inquiry and a Public Inquiry and assisted clients as an expert advisor at Mediations.

QUALIFICATIONS

BSc - Honours Degree in Chemistry - Glasgow University – 1985

CChem - Chartered Chemist – 1993

FRSC - Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry - 2005 (Member since 1993)

MIFireE - Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers - 2002

CSci - Chartered Scientist - 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Halliwell Forensics

Consultant - 2026 - Present

Director - 2023 - 2026

Geoffrey Hunt & Partners LLP

Senior Partner - 2008 - 2023

Partner - 1995 - 2008

Associate - 1990 - 1995

Home Office Forensic Science Service

Higher Scientific Officer - 1989 - 1990

Scientific Officer - 1985 – 1989

REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Detailed investigation at the scenes of fires and explosions:

- Interviewing witnesses
- Liaison with the Police, Fire Brigade and other Statutory Authorities;
- Preparation of detailed illustrated fire and explosion investigation reports for litigation on behalf of Insurers, Loss Adjusters and Solicitors
- Attending Court to give expert evidence on matters relating to the cause and spread of fires

Experienced in leading large loss fire and explosion investigations. Extensive product liability experience, particularly in relation to fires in white goods and other appliances.