

Cleaven Faulkner JP

Director – Military Court Service



Career Highlights

Cleaven's career has primarily focused upon dedicated public service and has been tested in the most challenging environments, including the Military, frontline Policing, and the Civil Service with a demonstrated ability to inspire, motivate, coach, mentor, and lead.

Educated in Gosport, going onto to Join the Royal Navy in 1980 seeing service on several capital ships including HMS Fearless supporting British Forces during the Lebanon conflict in 1983.

Within the Police, Cleaven saw service as a frontline officer, progressing to Armed Response and Traffic Officer duties. As a Control Room Inspector and Chief Inspector (Firearms Cadre), he commanded more than 500 spontaneous and pre-planned operations and served as one of the commanders at Eaton Dorney during the London Olympics.

Cleaven became the Head of Hampshire Roads Policing as a Senior Investigating Officer or line manager for the investigation of over eighty killed or serious injury collisions on the roads of Hampshire.

Cleaven was the head of Hampshire police's mobile data programme and was instrumental in the delivery of the electronic section 9 witness statement, handheld and in car data systems, the wider use of body worn video and roadside mobile fingerprinting technology.

As a Superintendent, Cleaven was seconded to the Home Office with Immigration Enforcement and delivered improvements to mobile biometric technology platforms and acted as the Business Change Manager for the introduction of new handheld devices and branded vehicles for enforcement teams.

Upon retiring from the police, Cleaven was recruited as the Head of Security for the Portsmouth Naval Base. He led and developed all the land and maritime security processes and procedures to protect both of our new aircraft carriers.

In 2017, Cleaven was appointed as a Justice of the Peace.

As the Director of the Military Court Service, Cleaven is delivering wide ranging modernisation programmes for the service courts and has already completed the delivery of the latest digital audio recording and evidential presentation system technology.

Cleaven has a wide sporting background, playing at an international representative level with field hockey and has been the coach of the British Police Ladies National Squad since 2001.



Served in the Royal Navy from 1980-92 attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineering Artificer.

Served with Hampshire Constabulary 1992-2014 attaining the rank of Superintendent.

Head of Security HM Naval Base, Portsmouth 2016-2020, responsible for all aspects of Naval Base security and counter terrorism planning.

Immigration Enforcement – Foreign conviction team lead – 2020-2021.

Justice of the Peace, 2017- Present, serving at the West Hampshire Bench as a criminal court Magistrate.

Director Military Court Service, 2021-Present, leading significant transformational change for the Service Courts