SPECIALIST CAR VALUATIONS

John Glynn: Valuation Experience and Expertise

I am an independent specialist vehicle valuation expert with over 70,000 hours of professional valuation experience. A former Editor of *Glass's Guide to Older Cars and Modern Classics* and valuation methodology specialist, I have operated as an independent valuation consultant since leaving Glass's in 2010. I am a vetted member of the UK Register of Expert Witnesses.

My Expert Witness work spans Family, Civil and Criminal matters across the UK and internationally. Instructions range from modest single-vehicle disputes to complex, multi-million-pound collections and claims up to £8 million. I am regularly instructed as a Single Joint Expert and am familiar with FPR Part 25 and CPR Part 35 requirements and court procedure. I also prepare defence reports in complex Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) Section 16 cases.

I am process-driven and particularly engaged by complex valuation questions involving incomplete histories, disputed ownership, restoration quality, hidden assets and competing expert opinions. I work comfortably across vehicles of all ages and values, applying the same structured and evidence-led methodology, whether valuing a modest project car or a historically significant competition vehicle.

Glass's Guide: Valuations Editor (Feb 2000 – May 2010)

After a part-completed mechanical apprenticeship and many more years working across all aspects of the retail and fleet motor trade, I spent ten years with Glass's Guide, first as Assistant Valuations Editor on *Glass's Guide to Motorcycle Values*, with an equivalent position on *Glass's Guide to Commercial Vehicle Values* and the *Motorhome and Caravan Valuation Guide*. After a brief apprenticeship under the Chief Car and Commercial Editors, I became Editor of *Glass's Guide to Older Cars and Modern Classics*.

Mentored by the Chief Editors and an exceptional MD, I created *Glass's Consumer Values* – the first consumer-facing online valuations system that allowed owners to value their vehicle as a part-exchange in three conditions using Glass's valuation data. This insightful consumer valuation tool, which pre-qualified owners as retail prospects, featured on several manufacturer websites and also formed part of 'We Buy Any Car' at start-up.

Over a decade with Glass, I also developed a busy sideline as a freelance car journalist, writing consumer buying guides for *Autocar*, MSN, *Top Gear* and others. I became a prolific classic Porsche writer, travelling across the USA gathering Porsche content for the major Porsche magazines and writing a book entitled *The Cult of Porsche*. I oversaw brand communications for Tuthill Porsche from 2006 to 2021, and several other Porsche specialists concurrently.

Independent Valuation Practice (2010 - Present): Independent consultancy specialising in classic, prestige, competition and specialist vehicles.

I take instructions in Family, Civil and Criminal matters. I regularly take on complex assignments involving vehicles of all types and conditions. My work comes mainly through referral and covers a huge range of vehicle values, from just a few hundred pounds into the millions.

I am accustomed to working in emotionally charged and high-conflict environments, including cases involving vulnerable parties. My role is to provide independent, structured analysis that assists the court or parties in reaching proportionate resolution.

Core work includes:

- Divorce and financial remedy proceedings
- Criminal and POCA proceedings
- Probate and estate valuations
- HMRC import and taxation valuations
- Insurance total loss and diminution reports
- Lender portfolio and residual value analysis
- Pre-purchase inspections and cross-border transactions
- Disputed restoration and workmanship cases

Expert Witness & Litigation Experience

- Regularly instructed in Family, Civil and Criminal courts
- Experienced Single Joint Expert
- Court appearances including Crown Court and High Court level matters
- Claims up to £8m in value

Recent notable matters include:

- For Pinsent Masons/Aldermore Bank in a banking claim and £1.5m counterclaim
- Horlick v Jhally for Mishcon de Reya: partially dismantled Porsche 911 (award £114k)
- Sandhu v Newsome for Talbots Law: dispute involving a fire-damaged Ferrari 512 BBi
- Buckley v Paul Stephens Limited for HCR Law: disputed identity of a bespoke Porsche
- Truscotts v Santander Consumer et al: unrepairable McLaren dispute
- Lake v Metroline Travel Ltd for Clyde & Co: damaged Porsche 911 Turbo dispute
- Fire-damaged hypercar dispute for Keoghs
- Litigation involving rare Group C and IMSA GTP racing cars
- Proceeds of Crime: disputing valuations of an alleged £1m stolen car & parts ring
- Proceeds of Crime: valuation of 125 front bumpers stolen in multiple incidents
- Proceeds of Crime: commercial vehicle valuations in Environment Agency prosecution
- HMRC IHT case involving multi-million-pound classics sold outside the UK
- Swiss wealth tax instruction on collection of seven supercars

Selected High-Value & Specialist Instructions (2025-2026)

- BAR-Honda F1 Show Car - divorce instruction
- Historic Lancia Stratos - divorce instruction
- Ferrari F40 - divorce instruction
- Ferrari 512 BB - spousal support order review
- Jaguar SS 100 - fraudulent lending case
- Ferrari 512 BBi - dispute concerning failed purchase
- Shopland Military Vehicle Collection
- Fully restored Austin Coffee Van - Kadoorie Peninsula London collection
- BMW E46 M3 CSL and BMW M3 Evolution II from private collection
- Lotus Esprit Turbo (1985) – divorce including other classic cars and bikes
- Jaguar E-Type FHC - estate distribution and financial gifting
- Classic Porsche 911 Turbo – historic write-off/PAV report for court dispute
- Large multi-vehicle divorce collections (up to 50+ vehicles)
- Historic rally car dispute centred on a prestigious road rally event
- Multiple diminution and mileage adjustment cases (including commercial vehicles)
- Flood-damaged race car (party-appointed expert in a water main incident)
- HMRC import valuations and export valuations for EU and beyond
- Multiple racing motorcycles – divorce instruction
- Agricultural tractors & high-value ground maintenance equipment – divorce instruction

Institutional & Financial Work

• Sole approved independent valuer for insurers including Adrian Flux, Footman James, Classicline and NFU
• Sole approved valuer for the Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club (VJMC) and other clubs
• Lender instructions involving current and projected residual values of specialist vehicles, including Ferrari F80 and Gordon Murray T.33 Spider
• Lender's future value/balloon payment report on collection of 4 Ferrari cars
• Financial Ombudsman and insurer dispute reports including several Range Rovers

Media & Industry Profile

• Former contributor to Autocar, Top Gear, MSN and specialist Porsche publications
• Author: *The Cult of Porsche*
• Former media and marketing consultant to Tuthill Porsche and others
• Contributor to BBC media including Radio 4
• Consultant to Antiques Roadshow

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