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Julie is currently Chief Risk Officer at Columbia Threadneedle Investments in London, and executive director of Columbia Threadneedle's UK and Luxembourg funds. She gained her degree in Mathematics from Clare College, Cambridge and began her career as an investment consultant, qualifying as a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries along the way. She has spent most of her career in asset management, holding roles at HSBC Asset Management and Aviva Investors before joining Columbia Threadneedle in 2010. Although not following a traditional actuarial path, she has found her actuarial background very relevant to the wider fields of investment and enterprise risk management.

Julie has served two consecutive terms on the Advisory Board for the Masters in Finance programmes at Imperial College London, and is currently a member of the Investment Committee for Clare College.

Outside of work, Julie has always loved sailing and anything to do with the sea. She has taken part in the Round Britain and Ireland Race, several Fastnets and the Portsmouth to Sydney stages of the Millennium Round the World Race. She retired from ocean racing following the birth of her daughter Alexandra but continues to enjoy spending as much time as possible on, in or around the sea, particularly in the Isles of Scilly. Julie is delighted that her daughter has inherited her passion for the sea and recently started studying for a degree in marine biology and oceanography.

Julie became a Liveryman in 1999 and a Court Assistant in 2012. She has enjoyed representing the company in many events including the Royalist Regatta, inter-livery skiing and pancake races and is looking forward to being the 42nd Master Actuary. She lives with her partner Martin and their Norfolk terrier in Surrey.