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## **PROFILE**

I have been helping people resolve legal disputes for over 20 years, initially as a litigation solicitor and now as a full time commercial mediator. I enjoy assisting parties find solutions to even the most intractable claims. This is how I typically serve my clients:

### **Selecting the right cases :**

I offer advice to help clients avoid mediating cases too early or mediating where other methods of dispute resolution are more appropriate.

### **Pre-mediation :**

Instead of insisting on time-consuming drafting and preparation from instructing solicitors and insurers I focus on speaking to representatives to gain the information needed for an efficient and successful mediation.

### **Mediation settlement meetings :**

I create a relaxed but professional and businesslike environment. I am focussed on settlement whilst appreciating the importance of recognising that occasionally you have to walk away. I tailor each mediation to suit the representatives, the parties and the nature of the dispute.

### **Post mediation :**

I do not give up on claims which do not settle on the day. I am committed to the participants and offer my services to see if it can be resolved at a later date.

I have helped clients with a wide range of claims including:

- partnership dissolutions;
- commercial contracts;
- credit hire;
- multi-party catastrophic injury;
- international copyright;
- boundary/rights of way;
- contentious wills and probate.

## **MORE ABOUT ME**

I graduated in law at Leicester University in 1988, and completed my Solicitors' Final Examination at the College of Law, Chester in 1989. I was admitted as a solicitor in 1991. I practised predominantly as a litigation solicitor at

- Thompsons Solicitors (Liverpool & Manchester);
- Russell Jones & Walker Solicitors (Manchester); and
- Clarkson Hirst Solicitors (Lancaster).

I trained as a Civil & Commercial Mediator with the ADR Group in 2006 and became a full time mediator in 2008.

### **Current employment :**

I am a self employed mediator and also receive instructions from:

- Expedite Resolution Ltd (panel mediator);
- Law Works (panel mediator - voluntary);
- Trust Mediation (director and panel mediator);
- Mediation Cumbria (panel mediator);
- Effective Dispute Resolution Ltd (panel mediator)

I am the Independent Secretary to the Association of British Insurers GTA Technical Committee (Credit Hire).

### **My writing :**

In addition to my regular mediation blog at [www.HeskethMediation.com](http://www.HeskethMediation.com) I have written for : APIL's *PI Focus*, *Local Government Lawyer*, *Association of HM District Judges Law Bulletin*, *Personal Injury Brief Update Law Journal*, *ACLD Costs Lawyer Magazine*, *The Law Society's Resolution* and *Butterworths Personal Injury Law Newsletter*.

### **Memberships :**

I am a member of the Association of Northern Mediators.

### **Further information :**

I would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about how I may be able to help you and your clients. Call me on **0845 056 3625** or email me at [phil@heskethmediation.com](mailto:phil@heskethmediation.com)