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PROFILE

I have been helping people resolve disputes for over 30 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:

CASES MEDIATED:

I have a wide range of mediation experience including the following types of cases: contentious wills and probate; TOLATA disputes; catastrophic personal injury; partnership and shareholder disputes; professional negligence; boundary and rights of way; leases; commercial contracts; legal costs; residential and commercial building disputes; international copyright; credit hire; employment (including employer and employee claims and inter-employee disputes); injunctions and harassment; debt and insolvency; housing disrepair.

SELECTING THE RIGHT CASES:

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

PRE-MEDIATION:

I focus on speaking to representatives to gain the information needed for an efficient and successful mediation. Where necessary I host pre-mediation conference calls. I also offer to speak with parties in advance of the mediation to answer their questions about the process.

MEDIATION SETTLEMENT MEETINGS:

I create a relaxed but professional and businesslike environment for negotiation. Settlement is often the parties' goal but other outcomes include gaining clarity about goals, available resources and options and gaining a better understanding of the perspective of the other side.

POST MEDIATION:

Not every mediation ends with a settlement on the day. I am committed to the participants and offer my services to continue assisting with the dialogue which often leads to settlement at a later date.

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 independent mediator in 2008.

I was recognised as Mediation Achiever of the Year at the Personal Injury Awards 2021.

CURRENT ROLES

- I am a Director and Senior Mediator with Trust Mediation Ltd (director and panel mediator);

MY WRITING:

In addition to my regular mediation blog at 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 Butterworth's Personal Injury Law Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIPS :

I am a member of the Association of Northern Mediators, a Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council.

FURTHER INFORMATION :

I would welcome the opportunity to talk to you about how I may be able to help you or your clients.

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