

Richard Whittingham

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Practice Overview

Since qualifying as a mediator in 2000, Richard has mediated over eighty mediations nearly all of which settled on the day. He has conducted mediations in a wide range of disputes including breach of contract, professional negligence (generally involving solicitors) and issues involving senior employees.

He is an excellent communicator and skilled at identifying the key underlying issues in complex disputes and encouraging the parties to focus upon essentials.

Professional Background

Richard has over thirty years experience as a commercial litigator based in London and Birmingham specialising in breach of contract claims, professional negligence and contested probate disputes. He has long been an advocate of mediation as a pragmatic and cost effective means of dispute resolution and was from 2009 a director of ADR Net and Chairman from 2010 until 2013. He has also spoken on the subject of mediation at a number of events.

Endorsements

"...Richard was excellent yesterday. Richard managed to get a settlement out of a situation where I think all parties felt there was no hope of achieving resolution. Richard is clearly very skilful. He's also interesting, engaging and endears himself to the parties. I can only highly recommend Richard and will certainly be using him again." Amy Cousineau of Woodstock Legal Services

"Well respected mediator" Legal 500

" Hugely experienced and quick to get to the heart of the matter" Partner of national firm

"Very able and shows great tact in dealing with difficult parties" Partner of international firm

" Richard is a first class mediator worthy of instruction on any challenging matter" Internationally recognised authority on mediation.

"Richard is an intelligent, patient and creative dispute resolution professional. He has superb communication and interpersonal skills, and a sparkingly (or dry!) sense of humour that help ease the pressure when negotiations get tough. His wealth of legal knowledge inspires confidence in those who instruct him and clients who respect his contributions. In short, Richard is a first class mediator worthy of appointment on any challenging dispute." Internationally recognised authority on mediation.

Articles and Publications



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