

ADR Group Commercial Mediator Profile



PAUL BALEN

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Building on his creation of successful alternative dispute settlement schemes in his historical specialist area of clinical negligence and product liability Paul has developed into a highly successful commercial mediator. Paul he is able to marry inter-personal skills with business and legal acumen often devising unique practical strategies to resolve deadlocks. Since qualifying as a mediator in 2004, Paul has conducted a wide variety of commercial mediations involving contract, construction, and professional disputes.

Professional Background

Paul graduated from Cambridge University with a first in law before joining Freeth Cartwright LLP where he qualified in 1977 becoming a partner in 1980. He is a Past President of the Nottinghamshire Law Society having been Secretary between 1983 and 1988 and was a legal eagle on Radio Nottingham for over 20 years. He writes extensively and regularly lectures on legal topics and in 2000 was appointed one of the first 3 Senior Fellows of the Association of Personal Injury Law (APIL). He is a past President of the Nottinghamshire Medico-Legal Society and was national secretary and an executive committee member of APIL between 1998 and 2000. He is legal advisor to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and has advised international sportsmen from a variety of sports. He was recently invited to lecture at an international conference on global dispute resolution.

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Endorsements

Paul is described in Chambers 2008/09 as "like a dog with a bone" when given a difficult case. "He's incredibly clever and hard-working and he gets results," "He is particularly commended for his strategic thinking". He "knows what's what," say commentators. He is famed for his "extremely professional" demeanour and his "sensible approach to cases".

Described as 'a good all-rounder'. He is rated as "one of the most highly rated practitioners in the country".

Other Experience

Paul combines his legal career with the Chairmanship of his son's technology company and Chairmanship of the governors at Nottingham High School, an independent public school which is shortly to celebrate its 500th anniversary. A past Nottingham Roosevelt scholar himself he recently handed over Chairmanship of the scholarship trust to the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.

Panel Memberships

Paul is an ADR Group registered mediator and a panel member of: Sports Mediation; Clerksroom; Trust mediation; UK mediation and the Association of Midlands Mediators.

Personal Interests

He plays golf (badly) having long since given up cricket and rugby. He supports and will watch any sport and enjoys his professional involvement as solicitor to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club.