

ADR Group Commercial Mediator Profile



MARTIN BANHAM-HALL

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Martin became accredited as a mediator by CEDR (The Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) in 2002, joining ADR in 2007. Martin contributes the deal making skills of an experienced commercial lawyer to the process of resolving disputes. He has worked with a number of leading and well known commercial mediators, including David Richbell, Presiley Baxendale WC, Robert Gaitskell QC and Mark Jackson-Stops. Martin's many years of business experience and understanding of how people and organisations work make him a natural mediator.

Professional Background

Martin qualified as a solicitor in London in 1977 after reading law at University College, London. He worked as a solicitor and partner in a leading law firm for many years, setting up his own practice in the teeth of the 1980's recession. It thrived. He then negotiated a series of mergers and take-overs to become Senior Partner of his current firm, where he is a Commercial Property Specialist. Martin's clients in his legal practice range from owner-managed businesses to multi-nationals and stock exchange listed companies, as well as partnerships and family businesses.

Martin advises on property development, acquisition planning and construction. More than that, Martin gives broad legal and strategic business advice to commercial enterprises. He has handled a number of professional partnership mergers and de-mergers, where sensitivity and discretion has been critical to the preservation of the business' goodwill.

Endorsements

"Excellent...easily developed real rapport...very pleasant to work with"

"Well-prepared...perceptive...good ideas throughout"

"A pleasure to work with...listened carefully...confident and sensitive"

Other Experience

Recent mediation cases include:

Office equipment, supply and leasing contracts - claim and counterclaim representing a difference between the parties of around £200,000

Micro-filtration plant, supply and installation contract - claim and counterclaim representing a difference between the parties of around £2.6 million

Commercial insurance fraud - two cases valued around £1 million and £750,000 respectively

Partnership dispute involving professional practice - value around £750,000 to £900,000

Dilapidations claims on lease termination - various, with claim values from £20,000 to £250,000.

Disputed lease renewal and compensation claim - value around £1.2 million
Unfair dismissal and discrimination (whistle-blowing) claim - value £250,000
Construction disputes between insurers of the main contractor and a sub-contractor - claim value in excess of £1 million
Shareholder dispute between executive directors and investor - claim value around £300,000

Martin has also handled time-limited (3 to 4 hour) mediation cases involving smaller values.

Personal Interests

Martin is founder and Chairman of Extra Mile Challenges, a charity that has raised over £500,000 in 6 years by organising cycling challenges in Europe. He always participates in the cycling challenges.

Martin is a Director of Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership. He has also served as a Governor of a State Comprehensive Upper School with a diverse ethnic and ability intake. Martin has held his position within his local Chamber of Commerce and is embedded in his local community.

Other interests include rowing, music, France and family.