

ADR Group Commercial Mediator Profile



MARY BANHAM-HALL

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Mary became a Mediator in 1998 and has not looked back since. She set up her specialist mediation company, Focus Mediation Limited, in 1999. Focus has grown, attracting a wide range of mediators from a variety of professional backgrounds. Mary believes passionately that mediation is the best solution in the majority of disputes. Her practical, problem solving skills and understanding of people make her a highly successful mediator with an excellent resolution record. Mary is a peace-maker.

Professional Background

Mary became a solicitor in 1979, after graduating in law from University College, London in 1975. In her early career she worked mainly as a Family Lawyer, but became increasingly aware of the problems with conventional dispute resolution models. She became a mediator in 1998 - it was a "Eureka" moment for her and since then a high proportion of her working life has been spent mediating. It was a natural development for Mary to become one of the first 100 collaborative lawyers in the country in 2003 - again a dispute resolution process which rules out court and solves disagreements at face to face meetings. Mary is a very experienced mediator with a practical business and legal background. She understands how things work, identifies issues quickly, understands people and picks up on the sub text. Mary helps people remember their priorities and work out a way forward.

Endorsements

"My clients have requested that I notify you of their appreciation with the patience, dedication and expertise with which you conducted the marathon mediation in February"

"I personally found the process enormously helpful, and I'm sure this was largely because of your personal skills. I cannot imagine a more difficult role"

"I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping us to resolve the legal issues. Without your considerable skills we are fully aware that matters would have been more traumatic for all concerned!

Other Experience

Founder and Managing Director of Focus Mediation Limited, a specialist mediation company which has grown from strength to strength since its foundation in 1999.

Mary had a number of mediation articles published in the specialist press and had conducted research for the Family Mediators Association on the efficacy of family mediation.

Mary is a Resolution Accredited Specialist in high value/complex cases and pensions.

Panel Memberships

ADR and FMA. CMC, CMC Workplace and National Mediation Helpline Mediator.

Personal Interests

Theatre, gardening especially growing old roses. Bucket cooking for family and friends.
France and more things French.