

Peter McHugh

Civil & Commercial and Online Mediator



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Practice Overview

Peter is a solicitor, chartered arbitrator and accredited mediator. He strongly believes that any dispute is capable of being resolved by way of mediation.

Peter has mediated in a wide range of disputes and achieved successful resolutions in over 85% of cases. Peter has mediated in multi-million pound disputes comprising multiple parties and complex issues and yet also regularly works on small cases involving individuals, families and small businesses.

He is particularly known for his specialist work in construction and property dispute resolution, acting on behalf of contractors, sub contractors and employers in litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation. Although well respected in this area of law, his work as a mediator goes far beyond this sector. He also advises in professional negligence claims, acting on behalf of businesses and individuals within industry either defending or pursuing claims.

Peter has a relaxed approach and encourages the parties to engage in the process of mediation. His level-headed style draws out the strengths and weaknesses of each party's situation, enabling them to make reasoned decisions to come to an acceptable conclusion.

Professional Background

Having qualified as a solicitor in 1990, Peter was a Partner and the Head of the Dispute Resolution team of one of the leading firms of solicitors in the Midlands. He is now a Partner with leading national firm Clarke Willmott. He has nearly 30 years hands on experience of dispute resolution for construction and commercial property issues, including civil engineering disputes. He has been involved in heavyweight and high level negotiations with Chief Executives, top management and consultants on property and non-property related matters.

Recent Experience

Compulsory Purchase Order of £12m involving the Highways.

Subsidence case with a property value of £2m, which involved the dredging of a stream and included five parties.

Professional negligence claim involving a conveyancing solicitor in a residential property transaction.



Professional negligence claim against an architect and a contractual claim against a contractor regarding a golf driving range.

Breach of contract claim against a contractor for incorrectly fitting windows into a refurbished school.

The failure of a refurbished printing press from an overseas supplier.

Dispute regarding land ownership and rights of way over a farm in Yorkshire.

A dispute that had been going for 30 years involving an inheritance claim over a large property.

A construction dispute over an extensively refurbished old mill.

A dispute relating to workmanship and breach of building regulations between a builder and the owner of a refurbished and extended farm in Essex.

A dispute about a breach of contract involving the supply of scaffolding in Guernsey.

A dispute about a retaining wall, between the owner of a residential property and the neighbouring property.

Endorsements

"Had it not been for Peter's skill and expertise, we would not have reached a conclusion to the complex case."

"He is a very experienced and effective mediator."

"Peter is very easy to get on with, he listens and is quickly able to grasp the issues and deliver swift results."

Areas of Specialism

Construction

Professional Negligence

Property