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Serle Court Barristers Mediation Team

Serle Court is home to 12 mediators, whose experience crosses the full range of chambers' chancery and commercial work. Our mediators combine the skills which they have honed in their legal practices, including thorough preparation and objective risk analysis, commercial awareness and in-depth knowledge of chancery and commercial litigation, with the ability to calm hostile environments and steer parties towards pragmatic solutions.

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Serle Court Mediators



Elizabeth Jones KC

Liz has been mediating since 1999. She has mediated cases with 2-10 parties, alone and as co-mediator, across a wide number of sectors, with underlying values ranging from £2,000 to over £50m and between parties from many different cultures. She is happy to adopt a facilitative or evaluative approach as appropriate. Her aim is to assist parties in making decisions they can live with and so she attaches particular weight to thorough preparation and risk analysis.



Patrick Talbot KC

Patrick is a senior silk with wide experience of commercial disputes and agreements, including insurance and company disputes, professional negligence claims, international and English trust disputes and sports-related commercial issues, including broadcasting and sponsorship contracts and transfer fee disputes. He is also a Lieutenant-Bailiff (Judge) of the Royal Court of Guernsey and a “specialist jurisdiction” recorder. Patrick is a bencher of Lincoln’s Inn, where he is currently chairman of the Continuing Education Committee. Patrick was accredited as a mediator by CEDR in August 2004.



Kuldip Singh KC

Kuldip has over 35 years’ experience in mediations, acting as counsel or mediator, and combines that with some 45 years’ experience in litigation (as an advocate and adviser), and some 35 years’ experience as counsel or arbitrator in arbitrations. In mediations, the skills learned from such experience are utilised to assist in analysing the relevant matter, understanding the parties’ positions and objectives, dealing with the parties and their advisers, and to assist in the search for, and to facilitate, a pragmatic, commercial, and acceptable resolution. He has acted as counsel or mediator in mediations in the following practice areas: commercial disputes; company disputes; shareholder disputes; joint venture disputes; professional negligence disputes; financial services disputes; regulatory disputes; and sports disputes.



Philip Jones KC

Philip Jones KC has been named by Chambers & Partners 2022 as one of its 21 Stars at the Bar. He has frequently been named by Chambers & Partners as one of the Stars at the Bar during the last 18 years. He frequently advises on the commercial, company, trusts and insolvency laws of Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands and various Caribbean jurisdictions. He was called to the BVI Bar in 2002 and has frequently appeared in the BVI High Court and the Court of Appeal.



Lance Ashworth KC

Lance's prime areas of practice are Commercial and Chancery Litigation, Civil Fraud, Company and Insolvency. He has wide experience in mediation, having been involved in very many mediations, including ones which have lasted for 3 days. His approach is that when parties attend to mediate, they are looking for a commercial solution to the problems that have arisen and those that might arise between the parties. Those solutions often require the parties and the mediator to think outside of the box. He is accredited as a mediator by the ADR Group.



Michael Edenborough KC

Michael's practice involves all aspects of intellectual property law, in particular trade marks, passing-off, copyright, design right, moral rights, patents and trade secrets / confidential information. He also has experience of plant varieties, geographical indications, database rights, data protection and the calculation of the financial relief relating to IPRs. His particular expertise in this field is his use of the facilitative, rather than evaluative, approach to mediation. So, he endeavours to find a way for the parties to reach a solution to their impasse – not one that involves compromise and dissatisfaction on each side, but one that allows each party to gain something positive from the situation.



Julian Burling

Previously Counsel to Lloyd's, 1995 to 2010, dealing with most aspects of participation in the Lloyd's insurance market, including insurance, reinsurance, underwriting agency agreements, binding authorities, insurance intermediaries, FSMA and overseas insurance regulation, banking, regulatory trusts and insolvency. Solicitors Group, Lloyd's, 1985-1995 (General Manager 1992-1995). Practice at Commercial Bar 1978-1985, 2011 to date.



Beverly-Ann Rogers

Beverly is a highly experienced full-time mediator, consistently recommended as a leading mediator in the top tier of the legal guides with clients describing her as *"a mediator with charm, humility and incisive intellect"*. Over the last 20 years, she has mediated hundreds of disputes across a broad spectrum, including trusts, wills and estates, property, partnership, company, professional negligence, employment and general commercial. She has experience of multi-party and cross-cultural disputes and has lectured and mediated in the Far East and the Middle East. Feedback includes: *"Beverly-Ann has a clear understanding of the issues and is quick to grapple with them; she is also calm, non-patronising, efficient, commercial, personable and commanding"* and *"she proffers a distinctive and much-admired style that mixes pragmatism and commerciality with compassionate insight into the people involved in the mediation."*



James Behrens

James has conducted over 100 mediations, roughly two-thirds in the chancery and commercial fields, with the remainder covering a wide range of other subjects. Several cases have an international element or involve cultural or religious issues. He was a director of Mediation UK for three years, and for five years did pro bono community mediation for the Camden Mediation Service. He also completed a PhD on mediation in 2002. He has run a group mediation involving over 50 participants and lasting four days, but most cases are settled in one day or less.



Jennifer Haywood

Since gaining her CEDR accreditation, Jennifer has mediated partnership, wills, trusts, property, company and commercial disputes, several of which involved multiple parties. Her mediation practice is complemented by her practice as an arbitrator and her expertise as counsel, especially partnership/LLP law, for which she is ranked in Tier 1, and wills and trusts. She is praised by clients for her client handling and lateral thinking.



Paul Johnson

Paul is one of the leading mediators in the UK. He is a former solicitor/partner (1990 to 2006) who transferred to the Bar in 2006 to focus solely on mediating disputes. He has mediated over 1000 disputes. Paul has a wealth of experience of many types of disputes in a wide range of areas. He has been listed as a Leading Mediator in Chambers & Partners and The Legal 500 since 2008. "He has been described as: *"brilliant", "sensational", with a "wonderful understated" and "affable manner" that "belies his steely determination and intelligence" together with a "skill and expertise" that "inspires confidence in the process" and "makes mediation appear easy"*.



Professor Suzanne Rab

Suzanne is accredited as a mediator by the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), the Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and the International Mediation Institute (IMI). Suzanne's core area of practice is regulatory, EU and competition and trade law where she has represented businesses, public authorities and NGOs for over 20 years. She has particular expertise in the communications, energy, financial services, healthcare/ pharmaceuticals, TMT and other regulated sectors.