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Jonathan Haydn-Williams: Mediation Profile

Jonathan is a Solicitor and Senior Counsel in the Goodman Derrick Dispute Resolution team. He has 35 years experience of handling and resolving a wide range of civil and commercial disputes, including many mediations.

He trained and worked at Allen & Overy and was a partner with Taylor Wessing and then Hextalls for several years, joining Goodman Derrick in 2008. He is a trained and accredited Mediator (Regent's University, London) and is registered with the Civil Mediation Council (CMC).



Jonathan believes that mediation often offers parties a quicker, cheaper and better method of resolving their disputes than a trial in court can offer.

Mediation experience

Jonathan has represented many parties in a wide range of mediations, including:

- dispute between a services provider and a UK government department
- disputes between partners in an insurance partnership
- claim by one manufacturer against another for supply of faulty components
- professional negligence claims against solicitors and barristers
- claim by a partner against his former law firm
- dispute between an overseas consultant and a PR firm
- dispute between relatives in a family business
- copyright disputes between an author, TV/film companies and a publisher
- dispute between authors' agents
- dispute over the settlement of a claim under a buildings insurance policy
- multi-party dispute between flat owners in an apartment block.

“Jonathan represented me in a long and difficult dispute with a major financial institution. He was able to analyse and assess the merits of the case and provide a cogent strategy to take it forward to a successful conclusion. In the concluding mediation, Jonathan excelled and acted with utmost credibility at all times, whilst proving himself adaptable to changes in the dynamic and remaining objective throughout”. (Client not named as the settlement agreement is confidential).

Appointment as Mediator

Jonathan has acted as assistant mediator, co-mediator and sole mediator.

He is a member of the panel of mediators of the Association of Partnership Practitioners.

He accepts mediation appointments through this firm. His charges are flexible so as to be proportionate to the dispute. An indicative fee scale can be downloaded via his general profile at www.gdlaw.co.uk/profiles/jonathan-haydn-williams

Listening and understanding the parties' views and emotional responses, as well as their aims and needs, is a key part of Jonathan's approach to mediation. Legal issues are important, but mediation enables them to be addressed in the wider business and personal context.

Practice Overview

Jonathan has wide experience of advising on and handling disputes for companies/corporations, partnerships/LLPs, governments, overseas lawyers, SMEs and individuals. As well as contract and other general commercial claims, he has particular experience in the following areas (listed alphabetically):

- Arbitration (international and UK)
- Banking, investment and finance
- Civil fraud claims
- Cross-border litigation
- Insolvency
- Insurance
- Media and publishing
- Mediation
- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Professional negligence claims
- Trusts and probate, including cross-border disputes.

Education and Memberships

Cambridge University (MA in Law); Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
Accredited Mediator (Regent's Univ. London); CMC Registered Mediator
Association of London Welsh Lawyers; Association of Partnership Practitioners;
City of London Club; JUSTICE
Committee Chair of the Law Society's Civil Litigation Section.

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