



Neil Goodrum

Consultant Mediator

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In Brief

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Employment and
Workplace

Clinical Negligence

Personal Injury

Commercial

Professional Negligence

An experienced mediator, the types of disputes Neil has mediated include employment, commercial litigation, professional negligence, clinical negligence and personal injury.

As a solicitor, Neil has also acted as a representative of parties in mediations.

Mediation Experience

Employment

- a claim by a director/shareholder for breach of contract, wrongful and unfair dismissal, equal pay and sex discrimination where the amount in dispute exceeded £350,000
- allegations of breach of contract of employment by senior employee including misuse of employer's intellectual property.
- employment dispute between Executive Director of a nationally known high profile company based on claims for breach of contract, disability discrimination, and personal injury. The amount in dispute exceeded £1.5 million.
- industrial dispute involving a number of employees, supported by their Trade Union, arising from proposed new terms and conditions of employment.
- claim that ex senior employees had established a substantial competing business in breach of post termination restrictions and the ex employees' counter claim for



monies unpaid pursuant to the contract of employment.

- dispute following the “transfer” of a contract between two commercial organisations, regarding the application of TUPE and the impact of employment contract covenants.
- breakdown in workplace relationships against a background of potential claims for breach of contract, sex discrimination and disability discrimination.

Commercial contract

- partnership/commercial contract dispute between members of a Limited Liability (Professional) Partnership where the issues in dispute involved breach of contract, allocation of clients and future competition. The amount in dispute exceeded £500,000.
- commercial contract dispute relating to the breach of a multi-party joint venture agreement where the amount in dispute was up to £1 million.
- dispute arising pursuant to a commercial agent’s agreement where the amount in dispute exceeded £250,000.
- alleged breach of a commercial contract and negligence regarding the supply of business services.
- dispute arising from a claim to enforce personal guarantees given by the directors of a company in liquidation and involving a counter claim regarding material misrepresentation in the sale of the business.
- a dispute involving breach of a partnership agreement and the making of secret profits, where the amount in dispute exceeded £300,000.

Professional negligence

- claim against former solicitors for professional negligence in the handling of a personal injury damages claim in which the amount claimed exceed £900,000.



- professional negligence claim against two former firms of solicitors regarding the handling of a personal injury claim valued in excess of £100,000.

Clinical negligence

- complaint regarding birth of severely disabled child where the amount in dispute was £2m.
- complaint by a patient of negligence by a general surgeon resulting in a permanent disability.

Personal injury

- dispute regarding the amount of compensation following a road accident resulting in severe head injuries, where the amount claimed was in excess of £2m.
- dispute between five insurers over the apportionment of liability in a serious industrial accident claim where the amount in dispute was estimated to exceed £600,000.

Inheritance

- claim under the Inheritance (Provisions for Family and Dependents Act) 1975 where the amount in dispute exceeded £300,000.

Comments

He was very courteous and very persistent this was very effective.”

“He got to the nub of the issues very quickly and painlessly and was very professional.”

“He was an astute man and got on top of what was going to cut the mustard.”

“The individual clients in this case were very hostile towards one another and very difficult, the mediator dealt with the personalities very expertly.”

“He is an experienced mediator who made them all think differently about key issues.”

“He reality tested well and tried to push our client, I assume that he was doing the same with



the other side.”

“Neil was very conciliatory and that was a ‘good foil’ for the two of us.”

“The relationship between the parties was very strained. He dealt with it very sensibly.”

“There was a lot of history to this matter and a lot of animosity, but he controlled that very well.”

“Neil treated the parties and the issues with respect. He was very practical and was there to get the job done.”

“Tempers were running high and parties were frustrated but Neil handled the mediation well.”

Why choose consensus mediation...?

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- Mediators do not become disqualified from acting (even by perception) because of previous direct or frequent instructions from one party or solicitor;
- Clients and their solicitors can concentrate on the case while we sort out all the administration and logistics.

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