



## Paul Houghton

**Consultant Mediator**

*“By far and away the best mediator I have ever worked with”*



### In Brief

#### Solicitor

1984 (Scotland)

1990 (England)

**Mediator** 1994

- Agency
- Commercial Contracts
- Construction
- Corporate
- Employment
- Insurance
- Partnership
- Pensions
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence
- Property
- Wills & Trusts

### Mediation Experience

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A number of mediations have involved more than one day of mediation either immediately following the first day, or after a short period, to allow further information to be obtained, or further consideration of issues raised on the first day.

#### Some cases mediated...

##### Agency Disputes

Claims involving national distribution agencies; Advertising agencies; property agents; corporate sales agencies; fine art agencies.

##### Clubs

Dispute between a member of a Rotary Club and the other members as to his "exclusion".

##### Commercial Contracts

Disputes involving design and supply of engineering and scientific equipment; Motor vehicle supply; Trade Associations; Printing; Food Industry; Welding; Lift maintenance; National



supply agreements; rail industry disputes; horticulture; yacht chartering; advertising campaigns; accommodation contracts; international recruitment contacts; UK Government contracts; Paint; distribution contracts; medical equipment; farm disputes; NHS trusts contracts; Anglo/Scottish disputes; franchise disputes; haulage contracts; warranty disputes; steel supply contracts; solus agreements.

### **Construction Disputes**

Quality of work issues; claims agent disputes; basis of payment disputes; contract administrator disputes.

### **Corporate Disputes**

s. 459 Petitions; Shareholder disputes; Earn out disputes; warranty disputes.

### **Employment/Directors contracts**

Pre-dismissal mediations on disciplinary issues; Directors' service agreement disputes; death in service benefit claims against employers; wrongful dismissal; Claims by directors for payments due on termination of appointment.

### **Fraud**

Directors' officers' fraud; corporate fraud.

### **Insurance Coverage disputes**

Property insurance, buildings cover; construction cover; personal injury; death in service cover; permanent health cover; fire damage.

### **Intellectual Property**

Cases involving injunctions for breach of covenants and copyright infringement; Claim against music publishing company for use of an idea submitted by Claimant and rejected by the publishing company; Dispute over ownership of tyre design.

### **IT**

Disputes over design and supply of hardware and software; Dispute between commercial retailer and online supplier of e-credits.

### **Landlord and Tenant**

Loss of tenancy disputes (farms), Housing Association/tenant disputes

### **Partnership Disputes**

Disputes arising out of termination of partnerships involving radiologists; solicitors; non-professional business partnerships, personal business partnerships.

### **Pensions**



Claims involving pension trustees acting on or giving poor advice as to management of pension schemes; claims against administrators of schemes.

### **Personal Injury**

Claims involving chest disease; Road Traffic Accidents (RTA); sporting injuries; employment injuries.

### **Professional Negligence**

Numerous claims involving architects; accountants; surveyors; brokers; property agents; solicitors.

### **Property Disputes**

Family disputes over ownership; Release of Retention; Housing Association/tenancy disputes; Licensing disputes between breweries and publicans; tree roots claims; Damage to neighbouring property; Disputes between residential property owners and managing agents; disputes with property developers; overage agreements; commercial lease disputes.

### **Security Documentation**

Disputes involving personal guarantees; leasing agreements; property charges.

### **Sports Disputes**

Multi million pound claim involving a football player injured in a bad tackle; Dispute between premier league football player and his agent; dispute between premier league football club and its ex-manager; dispute between the two chairmen of competing local football clubs

### **Wills and Trusts**

Disputes between beneficiaries to trust estates; disputes with pension trustees; family succession disputes.

## **Why choose consensus mediation...?**

Our role ensures that...

- Mediators remain wholly impartial and focused on the dispute because we handle all the fee negotiations, contracts, documents and logistics;
- 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.

We quote an inclusive fee for the mediator's time and the administration of the entire mediation process. Consensus Mediation does not charge for "overtime" or for any other hidden extras.

For an informal discussion call one of our Case Managers now on **0844 561 1763**