

## MEDIATOR PROFILE (as at January 2008)

**NAME:** Barry John WARNE

**FIRM:** hlw Commercial Lawyers LLP  
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**SPECIALISMS:** Employment Law  
Commercial Litigation and professional negligence  
Defamation

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 1957

**DATE OF ADMISSION  
AS SOLICITOR:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 1981

**COMPLETION OF  
MEDIATOR TRAINING:** March 1996

**CAREER HISTORY:**

1979-81	Articles at MacFarlanes, London EC4
1981-82	Solicitor at MacFarlanes, London EC4, specialising in Commercial Property.
1982-83	Solicitor at S Kitching Walker & Co (Scarborough and Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire) doing Civil Litigation, Property and Probate work.
1983-85	Solicitor at Walker Morris & Coles, Leeds (now Walker Morris) specialising in Commercial Litigation and Employment Law.
1985-2002	Solicitor at Irwin Mitchell specialising in Commercial Litigation and Employment Law. Partner since 1987. Head of Employment law since 1990.
2002-	Partner at hlw Commercial Lawyers.
2006-	Head of Employment Law at hlw Commercial Lawyers.

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### Reported Cases Conducted

Blackburn –v- Hussain (CA 1987)  
Dickinson –v- Jones Alexander (1989)  
Barber –v- Guardian Royal Exchange (ECJ 1990)  
Wagstaff –v- Elida Gibbs (1991)

### **Interests**

Foreign languages and travel, history, geography, most sports. Fluent in French, conversational German.

### **Mediation**

Trained as mediator in March 1996 under Andrew Fraley of ADR Net and conducted first mediation in October 1996.

Has successfully conducted more than a dozen mediations including commercial contract claims, property disputes, partnership disputes and professional negligence claims. A schedule is attached. A believer in "lateral thinking" approaches to the resolution of difficult disputes.