



## **GEOFFREY G. KLEIN – MCI Arb**

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### **PROFILE**

Trained as a solicitor in the United States, and currently runs a property development company in the UK.

Geoffrey trained and received accreditation as a commercial mediator with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators under the tutelage of David Richbell former Director of Training at CEDR.

The son and grandson of distinguished American judges, dispute resolution and the law are areas Geoffrey has been around his entire life.

Geoffrey has been exposed to a wide range of commercial issues and the variety of complications, disputes and other challenges that arise in business environments.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

BFD Property Development Ltd. <i>Managing Director</i>	2003-Current
AG PRODUCTIONS <i>Director of Development</i>	2002-2003
METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER <i>Development/Production Co-ordinator</i>	2000-2002
PARAMOUNT PICTURES <i>Assistant to President of Production</i>	1998-2000

## **EDUCATION**

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Philadelphia, PA

*Juris Doctor degree*

Moot Court Honor Society; Dean's Honor List; Distinguished Class Participation: Constitutional Law, Trial Advocacy; Barrister Award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy.

AMHERST COLLEGE

Amherst, MA

*Bachelor of Arts degree with honours*

Sociology and English major.

## **MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

- Trained with Chartered Institute of Arbitrators – Accredited Mediator
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Committee member NW Branch
- Association of Northern Mediators – Panel Member
- National Mediation Helpline - Panel Member
- Law Works - Panel Member (Pro Bono)
- Clerksroom – Mediation Member

Examples of cases:

- Disability Discrimination Act employment case involving bi-polar employee who claimed discrimination against her manager.
- Contract dispute between an independent consultant and employer who terminated services where consultant claimed had been contracted for minimum of three days per week.
- IT Specialist provided services with provision that neither party could employ members of either side without payment to the other. Dispute over construction of provision after redundant employee was hired by other side.
- Personal injury claim where individual received a judgment against a supplier of plant machinery after accident resulted in partial loss of individual's leg. Dispute also between the supplier and their insurance company who were denying coverage.
- Property case involving house builder and seller of land disputing an overage clause relating to contractual agreement for sale of land for commercial development.

- Dispute between chemists over shares in a pharmacy consortium due to development of new health centre with associated pharmacy, which was going to affect one of existing businesses. Dispute centered on the failure of parties to reach an agreement on the percentage allocation of shareholding in consortium.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Association of Northern Mediators
- Federation of Small Businesses
- Residential Landlords Association
- Business Network North West