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PROFILE

Professional Mediator accredited in 2006. 19 years experience as a civil litigation solicitor. Highly motivated with an energetic, empathetic and creative style.

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL MEDIATOR

2006 - TO DATE

Accredited through the ADR Group Civil & Commercial mediation course. Initially practised alongside existing legal practice before becoming full time mediator in 2008. Mediating a range of cases including employment, professional negligence, personal injury, landlord and tenant, commercial contract claims, boundary disputes and partnership disputes. See [here](#) for examples of cases.

Written extensively on mediation for the Association of North West Law Societies, the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, the Law Society and Butterworths. Regular contributor to on-line magazine *PI Brief Update* and author of the [Personal Injury Mediation Service](#) on-line resource for mediation users.

Provides in-house training on mediation to law firms and other mediation users. Assists the promotion of the the National Mediation Helpline through membership of the NMH Providers' Forum.

SENIOR SOLICITOR; PROFESSIONAL MEDIATOR

CLARKSON HIRST SOLICITORS, LANCASTER — 2003 - TO DATE

Senior solicitor in the litigation department. Handling varied caseload of personal injury and general litigation matters, including fatal accidents, employers' liability, road traffic accidents, public liability claims, contractual disputes and employment matters. Advocacy included interlocutory hearings and CICA final appeal hearings.

Responsibility for development and marketing of the personal injury department and meeting quality standards and for the training and development of staff. Developed commercial mediation business.

SENIOR SOLICITOR

RUSSELL JONES AND WALKER, MANCHESTER — 2000 - 2003

Managing solicitor of the personal injury fast track claims department. Responsible for management and close supervision of the six fee earner team and support staff. Handled own caseload of multi track personal injury claims, predominantly

employers' liability, stress related illness and road traffic accident. Developed and supervised the specialist CICA team. Responsible for marketing to institutional clients.

Developed fee tracking software database and implemented it firm wide, designing and delivering the associated training nationally. Responsible for staff development and Continuing Professional Development training in the office, writing and delivering training seminars. Recruited and trained new fee earning staff. Member of the senior office management team.

ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

THOMPSONS SOLICITORS, LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER — 1990 - 1993 & 1995 - 2000

Completed training and qualified as a solicitor. Handled personal injury claims, predominantly employers' liability and industrial disease cases. Assisted with multi-party litigation including Hillsborough Disaster and "welders' lung" test cases. Acted for successful claimant in House of Lords case of Knowles v Liverpool City Council [1993].

Responsible for office Legal Aid compliance. Introduced cost recovery scheme for funded disbursements. Latterly also head of Criminal Litigation (related to employment) in the Manchester office. Assisted with preparation and delivery of in-house training seminars.

TEACHER OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE MADRID — 1993 - 1995

Self employed teacher of English as a foreign language.

TRAINEE SOLICITOR

PARKERS SOLICITORS, ST. HELENS 1989 - 1990

Trainee solicitor in general practice.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

University of Leicester - Law Degree class II(i) Hons, 1988
College of Law, Chester - Solicitors' Final Examination, 1989
Metropolitan University of Leeds - Certificate in TEFL, 1992
Admitted as a solicitor November 1991
Accredited as a Mediator 2006

MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

ADR Group
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Association of Northern Mediators
Law Society of England & Wales

VOLUNTARY WORK

Pro Bono mediator for LawWorks
School Governor