



# OLIVER HALLAM

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## Independent Civil and Commercial Mediator

Oliver is a full time accredited and CMC registered mediator. He works nationwide. He trained as a solicitor at Allen and Overy LLP, London before joining Wrigleys Solicitors LLP in Leeds for ten years where he was a partner in the private client team.

Mediating Online & In Person

Consistently rated as "excellent" and given "10 out of 10" in client and legal representative feedback and with all saying they would use him again, Oliver is "first class", "very professional", "very helpful and knowledgeable" and quickly gains "a good grasp of the relationships involved".

Oliver has successfully mediated a wide range of disputes. He is a first rate communicator and is quick to build trust. He uses a psychotherapeutic approach to mediation to help parties find workable solutions to a wide range of emotive and contentious issues.

His background in private client law gives him the ability to help parties with their most sensitive, personal and private affairs within the complex framework of trust, tax, company, partnership, property, employment, probate and elder law. Oliver maintains that no matter how complicated and entrenched the problem, it is nearly always possible for participants to achieve a mediated solution.

Oliver is an advocate and practitioner of non-evaluative mediation. With the help of the mediator, the process gives the parties the opportunity to find their own solution. It is not the mediator's role to express opinions on the relevant law or on the merits of particular positions. Oliver is an expert in reality-testing and challenging the parties' positions, to give the parties the best chance of negotiating a mutually acceptable solution.

Oliver is happy to mediate **face to face, online** (via Zoom) and over the **telephone** in time-limited and full day mediations.

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## What the independent legal directories say:

Oliver 'has endless patience, even in the most trying situations. He listens carefully, and can be trusted only to reveal what the clients want to say' - **Legal 500 2024**

"Oliver shows commercial awareness in understanding our stance on offers in addition to showing emotional intelligence, and he can put clients at ease." **Chambers & Partners 2024**

"He shows great emotional intelligence and is able to reality-test in a direct manner when it matters." **Chambers & Partners 2024**

"His likeable nature and 'no frills' demeanour belies his commercial astuteness." **Chambers & Partners 2024**

### Recent mediation experience and expertise

- Inheritance and contested probate
- Estoppel, constructive trust claims
- Family business, director/shareholder issues
- Partnership and professional negligence disputes
- Private wealth and succession disputes
- Agricultural land, landed estate and farm business disputes
- Property and trusts
- Landlord/tenant
- Trusts of land (TOLATA)
- Boundaries, rights of way, overage, restrictive covenants
- Contractual and commercial disputes
- Elder law, Court of Protection, Office of the Public Guardian, attorneys and deputies
- Trustee and charity disputes
- Sports disputes - Premier league football player/agent dispute, Championship football club boardroom dispute, Historic Automobile and Equestrian disputes

### Some recent testimonials

"Having instructed many mediators on various matters, I would have no qualms in using Oliver again or recommending his instruction if a matter would benefit from a no-nonsense, robust, common sense approach tempered with sensitivity where required. He clearly has a firm understanding of the law in a difficult area (property/trust dispute). Oliver understood the legal issues, the papers and demonstrated acute insight into what was important to all parties. A very effective communicator." Adam Cresswell, Seatons

"Thanks for all your help yesterday, Oliver. You were patient and worked hard. Thanks too for your sensitivity. It was a difficult dispute on so many levels for the clients, and my room certainly found you very reassuring." Thomas Dumont KC, Radcliffe Chambers

"Oliver was extremely knowledgeable, helpful and efficient in our mediation which was subject to severe time constraints. I would have no hesitation in recommending Oliver as a mediator" Nicola Phillipson, TEP, Parklane Plowden Chambers

"Very good, calm, friendly and possessing good technical knowledge and strength in the face of an uncompromising opponent. He did well in what was a tough mediation" Peter Kidd, Norrie Waite & Slater

"Excellent. Very patient, thorough and understanding" Steven Gilbey, Eatons Solicitors

"Very helpful and knowledgeable. Oliver had a good grasp on issues and the relationships involved and a very helpful manner which was fundamental in us reaching settlement." Sophie Morley, Clarion Solicitors

"Excellent. We felt that the mediator demonstrated a good understanding of our position and the issues involved" John Cooke, Thomson Hayton Winkley Solicitors

"Highly satisfied. He worked very hard to get a deal done" Alex Walsh, Harrowells

"Oliver provided an excellent service as a mediator. The process was undertaken via Zoom. Despite the clients having never used the format before it worked very well. Oliver's instructions were clear and the day was well organised. He spent a good amount of time making sure he understood my client's position, not just from a factual point of view but an emotional one. We achieved an outcome which the client was pleased with and in doing so avoided the need for protracted and expensive litigation." Instructing Solicitor

Following a high value, ten party online co-mediation - "Julia and Oliver worked well as a team during the 14 hour mediation of this 1975 Act dispute between 10 parties represented by 4 counsel. Mediating remotely worked well, with the parties being more relaxed in their homes and the mediators merging and splitting break out rooms as parties' positions aligned or diverged. Oliver and Julia were sensitive to the parties' needs and feelings and kept the process moving at a realistic pace. They won the confidence of the advisers and their clients, helping everyone make concessions and work towards an agreement." Barrister, 5 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn

"Thank you Oliver for guiding us through a tricky negotiation. Your polite and professional attitude made the negotiations a smooth process" Paul Barnes

"Very satisfied. A knowledgeable and caring mediator who had empathy for our situation and was patient and kind. Listened well to our expectations of the outcome. He was very good and helpful." Trevor and Gillian Sykes

"Oliver was extremely professional yet very caring and sincere in handling a difficult situation and without his abilities we would not have reached a satisfactory conclusion." Jane Sutcliffe

"Your professionalism, patience, commitment, integrity and support was felt throughout the whole process and greatly appreciated by my client who felt reassured and comfortable in the knowledge that his dispute was managed with the utmost care, diligence and sensitivity." Solicitor for claimant

"I did appreciate your considerable patience and clarity in what were lengthy and detailed negotiations in a remote mediation which took 12 hours, eventually enabling the parties to reach an agreement. Definitely a 10 out of 10." Solicitor for defendant

"Very competent mediator" Deborah Foster

"Very good, professional and calm. The whole day was managed well. The confident mediator made things easier" Robert Green

## Qualifications and Memberships

- Registered and Accredited Mediator, Regent's School of Psychology and Psychotherapy, London
- Former director of the Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and now member of the civil and commercial mediation working group
- Director - Association of Northern Mediators
- Member of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ACI Arb)
- Special Industry Accreditation (SIA) – The Property Ombudsman
- Online Mediation – Relate London North West and Calm Scotland
- Elder Mediation – Craig Ward
- Trust & Estate Practitioner Diploma (TEP) - Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP)
- STEP Advanced Certificate in Family Business Advising (Distinction)
- Member of Family Firm Institute (FFI)
- Member of STEP Contentious Probate, Family Business and Mental Capacity Special Interest Groups
- Solicitor (non-practicing)

## Awards

Named as one of Private Client Practitioner's Top 35 Under 35 for 2013. This shortlist aims to recognise and promote the rising stars within the private client professions, which include lawyers, accountants and trustees.



## Seminars

The Global Conference of the Family Firm Institute, the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), the Regional Branch of the Chartered Institute of Taxation (CIOT), the Society of Later Life Advisors and the Personal Finance Society.

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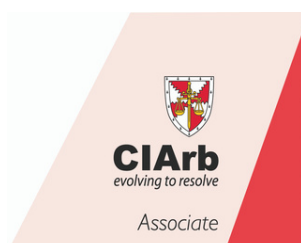
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