

MEDIATOR PROFILE

In the past he has acted in mediations where the disputes arose from a variety of disputes including partnership and commercial disputes, clinical negligence and personal injury cases, lawyers' negligence cases and aviation accidents.

He was variously described by solicitors and Counsel present at mediations as follows:

- a “first class mediator”
- “would have no hesitation in recommending him as a mediator”
- “an excellent mediator, understanding the issues well, some of which were complex and sensitive”/ “excellent at putting the parties at ease”
- “a good listener and readily took our points on board”
- “conciliatory, sensible and constructive”, ensuring a “co-operative atmosphere” and “informal tone” during the mediation
- active “in keeping the negotiations moving forward”
- displayed “sensitivity when emotions were running high”
- “attentive, considerate, knowledgeable, down to earth and helpful”
- played a “very positive role”
- “played a vital role in reaching a conclusion”
- “kept things moving”
- “maintained ... good relations between the five parties involved”
- “I thought David was great [he] kept everyone there and resolved it and his input was invaluable. I don't think we would have settled without him.”
- “We would have no hesitation in recommending [him] to other parties who wish to attempt mediation.”
- “... [he] did a very good job and [has] been put on the A list by both the solicitors and me.” (Commercial Silk).

In Chambers & Partners 2007 he was described as an “experienced mediator” who could “make unpalatable issues palatable”.

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