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## **Alan Bannister : Mediator CV**



### **Summary:**

I have been a litigator for over 35 years and the biggest lesson I have learnt is the best case is the one that has settled. To achieve settlement on the right terms is the best service any litigator can provide to a client. Likewise, to find a way to settlement is the mediation challenge.

Whilst I believe mediation and ADR should be taken most seriously I think the process itself should be informal, flexible, responsive and tailored to each case.

### **Professional Background:**

I qualified as a solicitor in 1975 after London University and the College of Law. I have been a partner in various firms since 1977 and co – founded my own firm in 1983 with William Jarvis. I am now a partner in Weightmans LLP.

I trained as a mediator with ADR Group and later at Regents College.

My professional life has been spent in litigation and mediation work over a very wide range of claims and circumstances from product liability to partnership disputes, construction to commercial contracts, public liability, defamation and professional services and engagements.