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Tim Wallis : Mediator CV



Testimonial :

“Tim’s ability to understand not only both sides’ arguments but the dynamics and emotions of each side enabled him to facilitate the direction of discussions without either side feeling rushed.”

Sally Roff, Beachcroft LLP

“Lord Justice Jackson has appointed two assessors. The assessor with carriage of the fixed fee mediations is Mike Napier. The sessions are hosted by the CJC and the Mediator is Tim Wallis who is well known to FOIL members. I have to say that Tim has carried out this role with great aplomb: it takes a great deal of skill to inspire confidence from both sides in these circumstances.”

Dan Cutts, Forum of Insurance Lawyers, on the Lord Justice Jackson/Civil Justice Council fixed fee mediations in 2009

Qualified :

Mediator (1994), Solicitor (1976).

Professional Career :

Insurance and commercial litigation. Personal injury, insurance, commercial litigation. RTA, EL, PL, professional indemnity and product liability claims. Employment and chancery actions. Clients: initially trade union claimants/plaintiffs, subsequently insurance and similar entities; also professionals: lawyers, doctors.

Crutes Law Firm. Partner 1981 – 2006. Posts held: Head of Insurance Litigation Department, Joint Managing Partner, Senior Partner and Chairman.

Mediation Career :

Matters mediated since 1994 include:

Insurance Claims. Insurance related disputes and claims, professional indemnity, credit hire, construction, goods in transit multi party claims.
Commercial litigation claims. Property matters, employment disputes, education and other public sector disputes and commercial disputes in areas such as property, contract, chancery, inheritance, partnership, company, construction and insolvency.

Personal Injury claims. All manner of personal injury claims including fast track, high value, product liability, disease, stress, fatal, multi party claims.

Justice Council (CJC)/Ministry of Justice (MoJ) mediations. Since 2005, on the instructions of the CJC and the MoJ, Tim has co-mediated (with mediators including Frances McCarthy, Michael Napier QC and Bob Musgrove) numerous “industry agreements” between personal injury practitioners and the insurance industry. These related to predictable costs and success fees in personal injury cases and fixed fees in the MoJ pi claims process. Most such agreements had a value of millions of pounds to the industry and were later confirmed as Rules in the CPR. He also carried out mediations under the auspices of the CJC during the 2009 Costs Review by Jackson LJ.

Directorships:

Independent Chair: RTA Portal Co Limited. Joint appointment by insurers and personal injury claimant lawyers. This followed work on the project steering group to develop the portal for the MoJ RTA claims process.

Independent Chair: GTA Technical Committee (credit hire). These posts demonstrate the confidence that opposing stakeholders have in Tim’s neutrality and his mediation skills.

Expedite Resolution Limited, Trust Mediation Limited and Northern Dispute Resolutions Limited, all of which are mediation providers.

Formerly a director of ADR Net Ltd, part of ADR Group. President of FOIL, 2002.

Memberships :

Founder member of the Civil Justice Council, chairs Dispute Resolution Working Party. American Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Section). Formerly a member of the Law Society’s Civil Litigation and ADR Committees. Tim is also a member of a number of mediation organisations that are accredited by the Civil Mediation Council, including ADR Group, Association of Northern Mediators, North West Mediation Solutions and Northern Dispute Resolutions.

Publications :

Tim writes on ADR and mediation for Sweet and Maxwell (ADR sections in “The White Book”, “The Litigation Practice” and “The Civil Litigation Handbook”) and for Jordan Publishing “APIL Personal Injury Law Practice and Precedents”. He frequently has articles published and lectures on mediation.

Additional Experience :

Tim has made several visits to North America to research the use and development of ADR.

Education :

Carre's Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic.

Tim says :

“I think that a little humour and plenty of enthusiasm and energy help a mediation along, but I count patience and indefatigability as my main mediator qualities. I owe these to the fact that they are regularly tested and honed by the burden of following Nottingham Forest FC! I enjoy mediating enormously and count myself very lucky to have developed a broad range of experience in many types of dispute.”