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Expedite Resolution provides high quality and cost effective Mediation and ADR services in the commercial, insurance, and professional indemnity sectors.

The company also provides training in the use of mediation.

Curriculum Vitae Tim Wallis

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One of the comparatively rare full time independent professional mediators, Tim has been dedicated to mediation since 1991. His work as a mediator has always included carrying out mediations, writing, lecturing, and introducing mediation to insurance and commercial clients. Additionally, he has a longstanding involvement in policy work at national level. He finds mediating routine commercial disputes as satisfying (and almost always as challenging) as dealing with complex multi-party multi-million pound claims. Nevertheless, he is proud that his testimonials include congratulations from a former Master of the Rolls regarding a most complex mediation.

“I applaud all those who have contributed to this success, in particular to Tim Wallis and Frances McCarthy who have brought this stage to a successful mediated conclusion”.

Lord Phillips of Worth Maltravers, (then) Master of the Rolls, welcoming an agreement ending an aspect of the ‘costs war’. (Civil Justice Council press release.)

“I have seen the mediation skills of Tim Wallis and Frances McCarthy at close hand on several occasions. The negotiations with which we have been involved have been complex and sensitive with considerable implications for legal service providers and Government. Mediation has been an effective and successful tool to deploy in these circumstances.”

Robert Musgrove, Chief Executive, Civil Justice Council (2007)

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As an innovative law firm partner Tim persuaded his firm to become pioneers in the use of mediation in 1991. He trained as a mediator himself shortly afterwards. His early work in mediation was encouraged by working with experienced mediators during sabbaticals in North America, his appointment to Lord Woolf's Civil Justice Council in 1998 and the swift adoption of mediation by some professional indemnity and commercial clients.

When mediating today Tim can call on 30 years experience in civil litigation as a practising solicitor, the gravitas accumulated from his former roles as managing partner and senior partner and his extensive and international pedigree in mediation. Well known in the insurance industry, for defendant litigation as well as mediation, he is also well regarded by claimants' lawyers.

Tim is director and sole shareholder in Expedite Resolution. He is also a founding director and member of Trust Mediation the not for profit personal injury mediation provider chaired by Sir Henry Brooke (see Appendix on page 4).

Mediation Locations London, Cumbria, Newcastle upon Tyne and the North East, Manchester, Leeds, Bristol, Southampton, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin (and elsewhere, by request, subject to flight/rail logistics and availability of real ale)

Qualifications Solicitor: 1978. Mediator: 1994.

Experience

Legal work

1976 – 2006. Commercial litigation (including partnership disputes and chancery litigation), employment disputes, education matters, clinical negligence claims, other professional negligence claims and professional disciplinary hearings. A broad range of insurance litigation, predominantly for defendants and insurers, also for claimants. Although he retains a practising certificate as a solicitor Tim moved from his litigation career to full time mediation in 2006.

Legal career

Crutes Law Firm. Articled Clerk, 1976. Partner, 1981–2006. Posts held: Head of Insurance Litigation Department, Joint Managing Partner, Senior Partner and Chairman.

Mediation

Matters mediated since 1994 include commercial disputes, professional negligence claims, partnership disputes, property/agricultural matters, employment disputes and insurance/personal injury claims.

Between 2002 and 2005, at the request of the Civil Justice Council, Tim co-mediated 3 "industry agreements" between representatives of personal injury practitioners and the insurance industry. These related to predictable costs and success fees in personal injury cases and had a value of millions of pounds to the industry. More recently, in 2008, Tim used mediation skills to assist assisted insurance and personal injury organisations reach an industry agreement on a Multi Track Personal Injury Code.

Testimonials are available at

<http://www.expediteresolution.com/download/testimonials.pdf>

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Memberships

Founder member of the Civil Justice Council (CJC), member of CJC Executive Committee, Chair of CJC's ADR Committee. See also the organisations listed in the Appendix. Formerly a member of the Law Society's Civil Litigation Committee and its ADR Committee (10 years service on each). Formerly a director of ADR Net Ltd, part of ADR Group, and President of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers, 2002.

Publications

Tim writes on ADR and mediation for Sweet and Maxwell (ADR sections in "The Litigation Practice" and The Civil Litigation Handbook"). He has also written many articles and frequently lectures on mediation and provides training for insurers and solicitors.

Personal

Tim counts patience and indefatigability as his two main mediator qualities and says that he owes these to the fact that they are regularly tested and honed by the burden of watching his football team, Nottingham Forest! Sailing, skiing, cycling and theatre are other leisure pursuits.

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Appendix

Tim is a member of and or listed with the following organisations:

The Law Society and its Dispute Resolution Section
www.lawsociety.org.uk

The Civil Justice Council
www.civiljusticecouncil.gov.uk

The Civil Mediation Council
www.civilmediation.org

ADR Group
www.adrgroup.co.uk

Clerksroom
www.clerksroom.com

London Solicitors Litigation Association
www.lsla.co.uk

Commercial Litigation Association (CLAN) www.comlit.co.uk

Assn of Northern Mediators
www.northernmediators.co.uk

Northern Dispute Resolutions
www.ndr-northernmediations.co.uk

North West Mediation Solutions
www.nwmediationsolutions.co.uk

London Solicitors Litigation Association
www.lsla.co.uk

Newcastle Upon Tyne Law Society
www.newcastle-lawsoc.org.uk

Carlisle and District Law Society
www.carlislelaw.org.uk

Forum of Insurance Lawyers
www.foil.org.uk

LawWorks Mediation
www.lawworks.org.uk

Service Network (N.E.) Ltd
www.service-network.co.uk

Trust Mediation
www.trustmediation.org.uk (All personal injury mediation is conducted via Trust Mediation.)

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