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## **PROFILE**

Professional Mediator accredited in 2006. Former civil litigation solicitor with 19 years practice experience. Highly motivated with an energetic, empathetic and creative style.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **PROFESSIONAL MEDIATOR**

#### **2006 - TO DATE**

Accredited in 2006 through the ADR Group Civil & Commercial mediation course. Initially practised alongside existing legal practice before becoming full time mediator in autumn 2008. Mediating a range of cases including personal injury, commercial contract claims, partnership disputes, employment, professional negligence, landlord & tenant, and boundary disputes. See appendix for further details.

Written extensively on personal injury mediation for the Law Society and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers. Regular contributor to on-line magazine *PI Brief Update*. Author of the [Personal Injury Mediation Service](#) on-line resource for mediation users. See [www.heskethmediation.com/press-room/](http://www.heskethmediation.com/press-room/) for publications.

Personal Injury Special Interest Group co-ordinator for the Association of Northern Mediators. Provides in-house training on mediation to law firms and other mediation users.

### **SENIOR SOLICITOR; PROFESSIONAL MEDIATOR**

#### **CLARKSON HIRST SOLICITORS, LANCASTER — 2003 - TO DATE**

Senior solicitor in the litigation department. Handling varied caseload of personal injury and general litigation matters, including fatal accidents, employers' liability, road traffic accidents, public liability claims, contractual disputes and employment matters. Advocacy included interlocutory hearings and CICA final appeal hearings.

Responsible for development and marketing of the personal injury department and meeting quality standards and for the training and development of staff. Developed commercial mediation business.

### **SENIOR SOLICITOR**

#### **RUSSELL JONES AND WALKER, MANCHESTER — 2000 - 2003**

Managing solicitor of the personal injury fast track claims department. Responsible for management and close supervision of the six fee earner team and support staff. Handled own caseload of multi-track personal injury claims, predominantly employers' liability, stress related illness and road traffic accident. Developed and supervised the specialist CICA team. Responsible for marketing to institutional clients and departmental complaint files.

Developed fee tracking software database and implemented it firm-wide, designing and delivering the associated training nationally. Responsible for staff development and Continuing Professional Development training in the office, writing and delivering training seminars. Recruited and trained new fee earning staff. Member of the senior office management team.

### **ASSISTANT SOLICITOR**

#### **THOMPSONS SOLICITORS, LIVERPOOL & MANCHESTER — 1990 - 1993 & 1995 - 2000**

Completed training and qualified as a solicitor. Handled personal injury claims, employers' liability and industrial disease cases. Assisted with multi-party litigation including Hillsborough Disaster and "welders' lung" test cases. Acted for successful claimant in House of Lords case of Knowles v Liverpool City Council [1993].

Responsible for office Legal Aid compliance. Introduced cost recovery scheme for funded disbursements. Latterly also head of Criminal Litigation (related to employment) in the Manchester office. Assisted with preparation and delivery of in-house training seminars.

### **TEACHER OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

#### **MADRID — 1993 - 1995**

Self-employed teacher of English as a foreign language.

### **TRAINEE SOLICITOR**

#### **PARKERS SOLICITORS, ST. HELENS 1989 - 1990**

### **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS**

University of Leicester - Law Degree class II(i) Hons, 1988

College of Law, Chester - Solicitors' Final Examination, 1989

Metropolitan University of Leeds - Certificate in TEFL, 1992

Admitted as a solicitor November 1991

Accredited as a Mediator 2006

### **MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS & VOLUNTARY WORK**

ADR Group

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Association of Northern Mediators

Pro Bono mediator for LawWorks

School Governor