

# Charles Powell

Civil & Commercial Mediator



## About Charles

Charles has been a commercial mediator for over 20 years. He is recognised by the Directories as “an outstanding mediator” who “uses his rapport with the participants in the mediation to focus on the commercial solution rather than get bogged down with the legalities of the dispute”.

## Professional Background

- Charles has been advising corporate clients, insurance companies, financial institutions and individuals on dispute resolution for over 35 years.
- He was a Partner at Pinsent Curtis Solicitors in Leeds for six years and Shoosmiths in Nottingham for five before joining Freeths LLP as a Partner in 2001.
- Charles trained as a mediator with both ADR Group (accredited 1992) and CEDR (accredited 1996).
- Founding member of the Association of Midlands Mediators.
- Former non-executive Director of ADR Net.

## Endorsements

“In our opinion the mediator was faultless in his approach both before, during and after the mediation and we would not hesitate to recommend Charles Powell as a mediator in the future.”

***Solicitor for party to mediation – February 2016***

“We were struck by Charles’ professional yet personal touch in dealing with our lay clients. We very much appreciated Charles’ expertise and friendly approach to the matter and Charles ability to cut to the chase when required.” ***Solicitor for party to mediation – April 2016***

“Charles’s knowledge of the litigation process enabled him to provide, in a firm but polite way and putting them in a commercial context, the pros and cons of each side’s arguments which resulted in a successful mediation. Obviously a skilful mediator.” ***Solicitor for party to mediation – April 2016***

“Thank you very much for your efforts on Tuesday. I thought you handled the issues and personalities extremely well and without your input I do not think the parties would have reached the satisfactory conclusion they did.” ***Solicitor for party to mediation – November 2016***

“A quick note to say many thanks for your unfailing good humour on what was a difficult day. I was impressed by how calm you kept. I hope to work with you in the future (should the need arise) and would have no hesitation in recommending your approach in mediation situations.” ***Solicitor for party to mediation – January 2017***

“Charles was very user friendly and established a good rapport with the clients and the representatives for both sides. His comments were helpful and his insight was useful in facilitating a settlement.” ***Solicitor for party to mediation – February 2017***

## **Mediation Experience**

Charles has conducted well over 400 commercial mediations and in addition has considerable experience of taking clients through the mediation process. Charles is a highly experienced commercial mediator. Sources praise his “great combination of politely questioning people and being very imaginative when it comes to finding solutions”. “He is very good at finding the middle ground. For a good sound commercial mediator I’d always have him on my list”.

## **Mediation Areas**

- Professional Negligence
- Shareholder Disputes
- Contractual Negligence
- Banking & Asset Disputes
- Employment Disputes
- Franchise Disputes
- Construction & Property Disputes
- Commercial Agent Claims
- Partnership Disputes
- Personal Injury Claims
- Contested Wills
- Product Liability Claims