

Nick Parker

Civil & Commercial Mediator



About Nick

Nick is an experienced mediator, having mediated over 100 cases across England and Wales in a wide range of civil and commercial disputes and for a variety of dispute values. Nick is also a very experienced dispute resolution solicitor, and as a business owner and with wider interests has a thorough understanding of practical and commercial issues.

Professional Background

Nick qualified as a solicitor in 1993, and has been a Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution in a regional law firm since 1996, where he is also named as a Leading individual. As a lawyer Nick has advised and represented a large number of clients on a wide variety of disputes, and has acted in litigation to Court of Appeal level. His role as an equity partner means that he has a thorough and practical understanding of commercial issues in running a business.

As well as holding a law degree, Nick also holds a Master's Degree in Advanced Litigation and was appointed a Deputy District Judge (Civil) on the Wales circuit in 2010. He is a member of the Law Society Civil Justice Committee.

Nick also acts as a trainer to solicitors on professional and commercial topics across the UK.

A committed advocate of the benefits of mediation, Nick was a non-executive director of ADR Net Limited for 5 years and has spoken at the ADR Group national conference on several occasions. He is an ADRg accredited mediator.

Nick is a founder member of Hexagon Mediation, and was also a founder member of Mediation Wales, a joint initiative formed by several leading commercial firms in Wales to promote the use of mediation as a dispute resolution process.

Nick is also a member of the Civil Mediation Council.

Publications & Training

As well as acting as a trainer to several hundred solicitors on professional and commercial topics, Nick regularly speaks at seminars and other events on a variety of dispute topics, including mediation.

Nick has also been a speaker at the ADR Group national conference, and has written papers for its membership. Nick is also a contributor to blogs for Hexagon Mediation.

Mediation Experience

- Nick has conducted a large number of mediations since first training as a mediator in 1998 in a wide range of areas of dispute, including the following:
- High value (above £10 million) claim by company against former shareholder and director regarding claims brought against him for alleged wrongdoing in High Court proceedings.
- A number of disputes arising out of Wills and inheritance issues, including claims under the Inheritance Act and disputes involving the validity of dispositions and trusts.
- Complex three party dispute relating to nuisance claim brought by individual against two large companies.
- A number of disputes regarding TOLATA issues between former co-habitants.
- Professional negligence claims against solicitors and accountants.
- Property disputes relating to competing claims for land
- Various intellectual property disputes concerning patents, design rights and confidential information, including a mediation where one party was based overseas attended via Skype.
- Dispute between a company and a local authority relating to a high value contractual dispute for services to be provided to the local authority.
- Technical dispute regarding the provision of high value audio visual conferencing facilities to a leading conference venue leading to High Court proceedings. Case resolved shortly after mediation day, following further involvement by mediator.
- Dispute between a group of residential tenants against landlord's agent regarding service charge applied in relation to their properties. Case part resolved at mediation, with an agreed process to determine remaining issues leading to overall resolution.
- Disputes between occupiers of neighbouring properties regarding property.
- Dispute between individual, local authority and insurance company regarding issues arising from individual's Council property. Court proceedings underway. Case resolved at mediation.
- Dispute in relation to commercial contract dispute relating to the alleged defective supply of goods worth £3million between two companies. Case resolved at mediation.
- Several mediations between private companies and sales agents in relation to claims for unpaid commission and compensation payments. Cases all resolved at mediation.
- Dispute between insurance company and private company in relation to commercial contract relating to provision of insurance to third party. Case resolved at mediation.
- Technical and construction dispute regarding the fitting out of nightclub and leisure facilities in London.
- Several mediations relating to claims by employers against former employees for breach of restrictive covenants and allegations of breach of implied terms of employment.

Mediation Areas

Commercial contracts / Company / Construction / engineering / Employment / Franchise
Insolvency / Insurance / IT / Intellectual Property / Local and national government / Partnerships
Probate / estates / Property / Professional negligence / Professional insurance / Regulatory
Shareholder / Transport / Trusts