
RICHARD PRICE OBE QC

Silk: 1996 | Call: 1969



Overview

Accredited mediator: 1997

Recorder (civil): 2004

Richard brings to mediation over 40 years' experience in litigating commercial, entertainment and media, defamation, professional negligence, property and construction, and other disputes. He was accredited as a mediator by CEDR in 1997. He offers a relaxed, realistic, sensible and informed approach to the mediation of all types of disputes. He is one of the most experienced

barrister mediators recognised by the Bar Council. Richard mediates throughout the country. He is listed as a leading mediator in Chambers & Partners Directory, and in Legal 500.

He "is a 'big character', who brings a broad 'range of skills to bear'. Described by one client as 'brilliant at absorbing the negative stuff, and extracting constructive proposals.' He has a 'great mind' which enables him to see through what others might have missed".

Legal 500

"As a highly experienced member of the Bar, Richard Price OBE, QC brings a great deal of experience to the mediation table, and is one of the most experienced barrister mediators recognised and listed by the Bar Council. He is experienced in the areas of civil fraud claims, banking disputes and various commercial disputes, but also undertakes work across a broad spectrum of practice areas." Chambers & Partners

Richard is a member of the Association of Northern Mediators. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He acts as a trainer mediator for the Bar Council ADR Sub-Committee. He has conducted seminars on mediation awareness training for solicitors and diplomats in London, Leeds, Newcastle, Birmingham, and Cambridge, and for foreign lawyers in Hungary and France.

As well as acting as a mediator, he appears as counsel at various mediations, and advises as to the suitability of disputes for mediation.

Recent mediation experience

Richard has recent experience of mediating disputes in the following areas:

Commercial

- civil fraud
- share sale agreements
- commercial contracts,
- land fraud and corporate identity theft
- diversion of assets
- commercial contract disputes
- factoring

- commercial agency
- employment contracts
- guarantees
- transport services disputes
- all types of business law disputes
- motor racing sponsorship disputes

Professional negligence

- solicitors' negligence, including the negligent handling of commercial, clinical negligence, and libel litigation, and negligent commercial advice
- accountants' negligence, including negligent valuation of companies
- clinical negligence, including child blindness, MRSA infections, and negligent surgery and aftercare
- insurance, including brokers' negligence in relation to fire insurance
- valuers' negligence

Intellectual property

- copyright litigation
- trade mark litigation

Construction and land

- multi-party building contract disputes
- tree roots subsidence / nuisance claims
- negligence / breach of contract – contaminated land
- Land Registry compensation claims

Defamation

- libel, slander and malicious falsehood
- defamation and trade mark

Employment

- wrongful dismissal
- unfair dismissal

General

- race discrimination involving the police
- wrongful arrest
- false imprisonment
- personal injury

Types of mediation and value of claims

These mediations have included multi-party mediations, with up to 6 parties, acting as a joint mediator, when required. The value of claims mediated has ranged from £332 to claims in excess of £100 million.

Professional appointments

Solicitors who have appointed Richard to act as a mediator include Herbert Smith, Travers Smith Braithwaite, Baker & McKenzie, Nicholson Graham & Jones, DLA, Hill Dickinson, CMS Cameron McKenna, Jones Day Denton Wilde Sapte, Fladgate Fielder, Manches LLP, Latham & Watkins, Treasury Solicitor, Clifford Chance, Lovells, Berrymans, Hill Dickinson, Hillyer McKeown, Mills & Reeve, Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, Beachcroft Wansbroughs, Kennedys, Barlow Lyde & Gilbert, Leigh Day, Weightmans, Bevan Brittan LLP, Pinsent Masons, Browne Jacobson, Squire & Co, Leeds City Council Legal Department, Bindman & Partners, the Official solicitor, Shoosmiths, and many others.

Feedback

The following are examples of feedback from solicitors following mediations that Richard has conducted:

- "First class."
- "Excellent."
- "Very professional. Handled what was a very difficult dispute with numerous parties very well."
- "I was impressed with Richard Price QC's handling of the mediation, in particular the parties involved...The successful resolution was very much brought about by the mediator."
- "Excellent. Extremely constructive in reaching a settlement."
- "I should like to express my appreciation for your considerable expertise and effective management skills employed during the mediation."
- "Very measured and assured. Good tone and pitch"
- "Very efficient and professional. Friendly though firm."
- "Richard Price QC was obviously well prepared, and had taken in the detail of the papers."
- "Very positive"
- "Good settlement achieved. Good manner. Pursued the right issues."
- "Very good. Excellent style and very user-friendly."
- "Very good. I did not have huge hopes of a settlement being achieved before we started, yet Mr. Price managed to get the parties to reach one."
- "Excellent. I was very impressed with Richard Price Q.C."
- "Excellent; calm, assured and authoritative; a very pleasant manner"

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