

Lawrence Harrison

Civil & Commercial | Workplace

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A highly experienced civil and workplace mediator willing to mediate a wide variety of disputes either remotely using online platforms or face to face. Lawrence combines a highly commercial approach with a commonsense attitude. He is extremely effective at keeping all parties focused on finding workable solutions.

Lawrence has experience in mediating and successfully resolving disputes in the following areas:

- Wills and Inheritance disputes, including 1975 Act and proprietary estoppel claims
- Trusts and Estate disputes
- Complex TOLATA cases involving properties and businesses
- Copyright and IP Disputes
- Professional Negligence claims
- Commercial Contracts
- Electoral boundary disputes
- Boundary/right of way issues
- Company (Shareholder/Director) and Partnership disputes
- Workplace disputes

Professional Background

Lawrence qualified as a solicitor in 1989 having read Law at UCL and Queens' College, Cambridge. He has 30 years' experience as a commercial solicitor helping clients ranging from individuals to very large multi-national corporations to negotiate commercial resolutions to their disputes. He was a partner at the Simkins Partnership for many years then founded the specialist entertainment and media firm Harrison Curtis. Lawrence continued to practice as a consultant solicitor with Swan Turton LLP until 2024. He is now a full time Mediator.

Lawrence trained as a civil and commercial mediator with ADR Group and as a workplace mediator with Steve Hindmarsh. He was accredited as a mediator by the ADR Group in 2009 and was awarded the National Certificate of Mediation Skills (workplace) in 2019. He is registered as a mediator with the Civil Mediation Council and was appointed a Fellow of the CMC in 2022.

Lawrence has mediated and helped successfully resolve hundreds of disputes and over the last 15 years has developed a successful mediation practice in the South West.

Feedback.

"Came really highly recommended and deserved that praise." (Solicitor -Will dispute)

"I chose this mediator due to his sound reputation and felt the Mediation was handled extremely well from start to finish." (Lawyer – Property Dispute)

"He took time to understand the issues in play and controlled the mediation exceptionally well. I will certainly recommend him to others" (Solicitor- Copyright Dispute)

"Very Impressed. Excellent rapport with client, commercial and focused sessions." (Barrister – Will Dispute)

"He is an excellent mediator and comes highly recommended. I particularly like the fact he cuts to the issues and isn't afraid to ask direct questions or challenge the parties." (Solicitor –Inheritance Dispute)

"Lawrence had clearly read in careful detail the papers which reassured the client that he had a grasp of the issues. He was available whenever needed throughout the day and kept checking in with us to keep the momentum of the day going. " (Solicitor-Inheritance Dispute)

"A great mediator is a mediator that moves the mediation along in a gentle but focused manner. Not an easy skill but a skill Lawrence made look easy. Lawrence was excellent." (Solicitor – Music Industry Dispute)

"Sensitive and constructive management of the parties to achieve a positive outcome." (Solicitor for different Party – Same Dispute)

"Lawrence was superb as always. The clients and my instructing solicitor had not used Lawrence before but said how impressed they were by him. Lawrence's commercial experience was particularly valuable when dealing with issues such as the need for a shareholders' agreement. Lawrence's energy and enthusiasm meant that we managed to reach a settlement, when I suspect that other mediators may have given up. Top marks all round!"

(Chancery KC – Inheritance Dispute)

"My colleagues have worked with Lawrence in the past and he came highly recommended. I wanted a mediator who could 'grapple with the issues and take no nonsense' and Lawrence did not disappoint." (Solicitor – Farming Dispute)

" [Lawrence] was very engaging and clearly had grasped the issues in advance and prepared accordingly " (Estate Solicitor – Probate Dispute)

"Lawrence was calm and constructive and was able to get our clients to focus on essentials although the client was clearly emotionally distressed " (Claimant Solicitor - same Probate Dispute)

"I chose this mediator because Lawrence assisted a past client who was in a similar dispute and handled it extremely well which led to a very successful outcome." (Solicitor – Rights of Way Dispute)

“Mediation was fabulous and it really helped the team, they are in a much better place and now have an understanding of each other, tools were given to the team to use if it got tricky again which they are finding helps to have them just in case!” (Manager- Workplace Dispute)

“Empathetic, realistic and good grasp of the issues.” (Solicitor – Copyright Dispute)

Other

ADR Group Accredited Mediator (civil and commercial)

National Certificate of Mediation Skills (workplace)

CMC Registered and Accredited Mediator

Fellow of the CMC.

Further information available at www.lawrenceharrison.co.uk

