

## Daniel ShenSmith (Mediator Profile) **CeMAP, LLB (Hons), LLM, MSoM**

IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (Junior Mediator)

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### General Information

#### FEEDBACK

"I am just writing to provide some feedback for Daniel ShenSmith. He was absolutely amazing, very attentive towards my clients and went above and beyond to try and resolve the issues at hand. We all appreciated his assistance greatly."

– Commercial mediation client

"His business skills speak for themselves. His interpersonal skills are considerable and he is a man of the utmost integrity."

– Stephen Harvey QC, criminal & regulatory barrister

"He is an able, dedicated barrister."

– Stuart Stevens, Head of Holborn Chambers

"I came across Daniel recently in a mediation that I conducted and was struck by his skill, determination and ability to think effectively outside of the box which assisted greatly in a successful resolution being reached."

– George Patros, Property and private client barrister

"I had advice and letter written for me by Daniel ShenSmith, he acted on my case quickly and professionally, he understood the problem and advised on the action needed to resolve the situation. I would highly recommend ShenSmith Barristers. Many thanks"

– Ali Salih, client

Worth every penny and some. Calm in the eye of an emotional tempest that was the battle for my kids. Forever grateful for Daniels exquisite work

– Richard Ponting, client

"Superb advice and support. Took time to understand my situation through a series of careful questions and then clearly explained my situation from a legal perspective which was exactly what I was looking for. I now use Shensmith for all my legal advice and support."

– Dr Simon Connor, client

#### CORE SKILLS AND STYLE

- Reassuring and positive
- Real and pragmatic approach
- Results and solution focussed
- Personable and approachable
- Keen analytical mind and out-of-the-box thinking
- Full preparation for every case
- Keen understanding of company and commercial issues
- Narrows the issues and finds resolutions
- Widens perspectives to understand the problem
- Facilitates solutions and resolutions

#### BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

- Barrister & Mediator
- Qualified financial adviser
- 20+ years in successful business operation
- Registered with the Society of Mediators
- Extensive experience in business operation, negotiations, disputes, and contracts

#### KEY AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Contract
- Consumer contracts and remedies
- Commercial contract
- Company
- Disputes between family members
- Business disputes
- Business IP
- Sale of goods
- Joint Venture
- Shareholders
- Partnership
- Property/boundary disputes

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple  
Bar Council Direct Access Panel Member  
Society of Mediators  
Member of the Bar of England and Wales  
Contributing author – Thomson Reuters

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Daniel came to the Bar with 20 years of successful business operation, which still run today. As an entrepreneur, he built businesses from the ground up to turning over millions of pounds and has hands-on experience in every area of operation and face-to-face negotiations, contracts, and resolving disputes. He has a robust and pragmatic approach to legal advice and representation with a focus on achieving a workable solution for his clients. Daniel also manages a Licensed Body law firm authorised and regulated by the Bar Standards Board to provide litigation, advice and advocacy services.

Daniel has particular expertise in Company and Consumer Contracts/Disputes and is highly regarded in business and contractual arrangements for his analytical and pragmatic approach, client care, and interpersonal skills and communication.

## EDUCATION

LLB - First class Honours  
LLM Legal Practice (Barristers) - Distinction  
BPTC - Distinction  
Certified Mediator  
CeMAP

## WORK UNDERTAKEN

### Contracts and Consumer law

Daniel stresses the importance of clear and coherent agreements and offers a pragmatic approach to contractual and consumer disputes generally, including breach of contract, Consumer Rights Act claims, travel delay claims, and unfair terms in consumer contracts.

### Company law

Drawing on his business background, Daniel has a keen interest in company law and regularly advises on shareholders disputes, directors' responsibilities, contractual disputes, and commercial debt recovery and intellectual property matters. Daniel has also acted in the retrieval of company assets from ex-directors and advised on private prosecutions for offences under the Companies Act.

Other areas of experience suitable for mediation:

### Property law

Daniel has many years' experience in both residential and commercial properties and is also qualified in mortgage advice and practice. He therefore has a keen understanding of typical disputes and how to resolve them with a pragmatic approach. Daniel also deals with TOLATA (Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act) disputes, encouraging parties to resolve and settle issues of beneficial ownership of properties.

**Outside of work**, Daniel is a veteran martial artist and 6th degree black belt in Tae Kwon-Do and Close-Quarters Combat training. He is also a technical expert on the committee for POLARM Academy, which provides training to the Army, Special Forces, and Police.

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