

Jeremy Ellis

IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (**Junior Mediator**)

General Information

Jeremy is a CEDR accredited mediator, trust and probate solicitor and litigation funding specialist.

Jeremy's key areas of expertise are:

- contentious probate and 1975 Act claims;
- trust litigation (onshore and offshore)
- TOLATA
- cases involving charities
- disputes over family wealth and inter-generational succession
- disputes involving farms and farming partnerships
- schools and education
- relationship breakdown
- community disputes including neighbours and boundaries

He has acted as mediator in over 20 disputes and has been involved in numerous other mediations as adviser, observer and coach.

Jeremy is known for his "technical expertise", his "unassuming presence" and "his determination to see things through".

Jeremy was part of the leading contentious trust and probate team at Withers LLP and dealt dealing with a wide range of domestic and international litigation.

He also been legal counsel to Standard Bank's international private banking group in relation to their businesses in Jersey, Mauritius, Isle of Man and UK.

He then became Head of Client Services for an independent international trust company leading its turn-around ahead of sale.

Since then, Jeremy has become a specialist in litigation funding, developing finance solutions for clients involved in probate and trust disputes.

Jeremy boasts considerable commercial experience and a genuine appreciation of the client's experience of litigation.

Jeremy is willing to mediate throughout the country.

Clients say the following:

"Prefix Mediation was suggested as a way to resolve a long term ongoing domestic partnership and property dispute issue. We were stuck with no way forward and had been for many years.

Jeremy brought new ideas and suggestions to the process and gradually throughout the day we started to make progress and both of us were becoming comfortable with the agreed solution. It did take all day, but we got there in the end and both parties were pleased with the outcome. Personally I was happy to have a solution after so many years and pleased that it was all done

and dusted in one session.

I would strongly recommend this way forward, with Prefix Mediation, for anybody with really difficult issues to resolve."
MP, Berkshire

"I was sure our long-standing family feud was destined for the law courts.

Jeremy took it upon himself to intervene with an alternative.

A series of one-to-one conversations persuaded each of us that a compromise was possible. Constructive roundtable negotiations resulted in an agreement that allowed us to move on as a family.

I am grateful for his efforts as I have seen too many other families torn apart by litigation. I'm so glad I saved my children from that."

GP. London

"During my career as a banker, I have learned that conflict is a reality. I have seen too many of those conflicts result in painful litigation.

One of those conflicts involved a client's family dispute – which could well have ended up in the courts. Jeremy worked tirelessly with the various family members to help them focus on potential solutions and to shift their mind set away from blame and the past. Jeremy had a clear vision of the future for them and that created sufficient momentum for the family to attend a mediation meeting. A thirteen hour negotiation resulted in an agreement that brought closure. Not only was litigation avoided but also the family could start to repair their relationships.

I was very impressed with Jeremy. So I will be recommending Prefix to clients as a great way of resolving disputes in the future."

Anant Shah, Meghraj Group

"Our business was facing difficult and potentially damaging litigation.

We embarked on mediation and I benefited enormously from Jeremy's experience and invaluable support throughout the process. He helped us prepare thoroughly so we had the best chance of a successful outcome.

Ultimately, we found a settlement that brought an end to the litigation, minimised disruption and avoided serious consequences for the company. Jeremy's involvement was key to this."

Steven Bowen, CEO of Minerva Group

"I found myself involved in a multi-million pound dispute between two other parties, and for years my legal team were not able to extricate me from it, instead running up significant litigation bills.

Jeremy completely understood my goals, showed me an alternative path, coached me both on how to make the most of a mediation process and how to negotiate with the other side, and made a significant difference to the outcome on the day.

I hope to never find myself in a similar situation again, but if I do then Jeremy will be the first person I call."

CEO, Technology business, London

"I had been being threatened with legal action by a large energy company for over a year. I didn't want to involve lawyers and I definitely didn't want the case to end up in the courts.

I reached out to Jeremy to seek his help on how best to negotiate with them. Jeremy came up with a practical plan and walked me through all its stages and discussed probable outcomes and various scenarios, which gave me a lot of comfort.

He was professional, very supportive and confident in how we should speak and correspond with the company. The company ended up withdrawing their claim and dropping the case. If it wasn't for Jeremy I would most likely end up in a stressful court case and with huge legal bills.

With him I got the outcome I wanted in a surprisingly short time and with little cost. "

DB, London

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