

Roger Levitt LLB QDR MCI Arb Leading Mediator (Legal 500)

IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (Elite Mediator)

General Information

Roger is a qualified: Elite Mediator (175 Mediations)

Roger is a Leading Mediator (Legal 500) He is an experienced specialist in property and commercial mediations, Roger has developed his commercial mediation business to tackle cases across diverse areas of commercial ,shareholders, directors, professional indemnity. insolvency, property, contract, construction, boundary & neighbours, insurance, franchise, partnership,debt, sale of goods, professional negligence Wills Trusts and Probate.

Why choose Roger Levitt as your mediator?

1. **Roger has almost 40 years experience as a solicitor in private practice (now non practising) with nearly 15 years experience as a mediator**
2. **Natural conciliator**-Roger is calm patient and confident, He believes that even the most intractable disputes can be settled, given the right will from the participants and the patience, skill and guidance of the mediator
3. **He is thorough, patient and proactive. 'We can find a solution'**
4. **He looks for the solutions not the problems. This is a unique opportunity to find a settlement that the parties can live with**
5. **He understands what makes people tick**
6. **His encouragement and focus never waivers from the goal of settlement**
7. **Outstanding performance...** Most of Roger's mediations have resulted in successful resolution He has an 75% settlement rate. Well above the national average
8. **Able to travel...** works anywhere in England and Wales
9. **Online Mediation** - experienced at mediating online - available at any time when it is more convenient than travelling
10. **Flexible fees...** Able to judge each case on its own requirements and price accordingly
11. **Areas of expertise**

- Business and commerce, directors and shareholders, insolvency, professional indemnity
- Contract
- Partnership
- Finance
- Wills Trusts and Probate
- Commercial and Residential Property
- Boundaries and Neighbours
- Adverse possession
- Landlord and Tenant
- Construction
- Planning
- Insurance
- Professional Indemnity
- Retail and Restaurant
- Healthcare
- Franchising
- Sale and delivery of goods
- Faith and Religious based disputes

Co - mediation - I can offer co-mediation for no additional fee. This is particularly valuable for boundary disputes when I co - mediate with a surveyor mediator. It also works well with other disputes where you can get 'two for the price of one'

Professional background

- **almost 40 years' legal experience** (the first 25 at **Partner** level in City and West End law firms)

- **Transactional Property Solicitor**
- **Accredited Mediator** with Clerksroom and Academy of Experts and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Accreditation under his belt
- **Civil Mediation Council Board member and member of Registration & Standards Committee. Chair of the Complaints Committee**
- **Business Dispute Resolution Committee member**
- **Conference Speaker & Webinars**
- **Co- author of RICS Mediation Guide** published Jan 2015

As an **entrepreneurial solicitor**, Roger understands what motivates business people; he has considerable experience of commercial deal construction and negotiation.

Wide-ranging experience as a **non-contentious** property lawyer has taught him that the collaborative approach **gets deals done**.

Established in 2008, his **commercial mediator business** has a reputation for significant success across a diverse range of cases.

Roger says:

*"While the need for comprehensive legal knowledge and experience is undisputed, successful mediation is ultimately all about understanding **how to deal with people**.*

*"You need to analyse the facts that could point to a litigation outcome, and also understand and manage the expectations of the participants, in order to find the more **cost-effective, commercial and sensible solutions** that mediation can bring.*

*"I put considerable effort into preparing for my mediation work, ensuring that not only do I completely understand the ins and outs of each case, but I also **contact all parties in advance**, in order to set them on the right track to think about possible solutions with a more open mind. I aim to encourage participants to **look beyond grievances** and start considering options that would enable them to move on to a **successful resolution**.*

*"My role is to remain impartial, calm and detached, while also being approachable and easygoing, in order to build trust and create the **right atmosphere for negotiation**. I believe I am a proactive team player, able to **build rapport** between disengaged parties and get them to focus on what they have in common, rather than their differences.*

*"**Mediation is in my nature:** I've discovered a real passion for helping people find solutions to commercial problems that they can't resolve on their own. I'm a conciliator and enjoy bringing people together, negotiating with honesty and integrity to help people to **listen , conclude and move on**.*

Recent feedback

*"Roger was **excellent** and we are pleased we chose an **experienced property lawyer** as this certainly gave me and my clients the confidence of knowing that he was on top of his briefing papers and the law."*

"He adopted a commercial approach rather than being bogged down in peripheral issues"

"Good overall manner : good communication skills"

*When difficulties arose towards the end of the scheduled session, Roger **calmly and patiently** continued to go to and fro between the parties' houses for a further three hours, without putting anyone under any time pressure, until a settlement was reached and the loose ends tied up. The **confidence** he conveyed that a resolution was possible went a long way towards achieving this outcome"*

"Roger is both very professional and personable. He really gets to the core of the situation, is very thorough and ultimately strives for a beneficial solution by using his expertise. I would highly recommend Roger for anyone in need of his services".

"An extremely practical approach. A willingness to understand the issues and think 'outside of the box' to try and find a solution."

"Overall we felt that the mediator and assistant were excellent."

"Many thanks for allowing me to observe the mediation on Wednesday. Of the three I have observed to date, it was by far the most fascinating. I think you did very well to create momentum from what appeared to be an entrenched and irretrievable position!"

"The Client was very emotional and I feel the mediator handled a delicate situation very professionally".

"very good indeed at getting to the key issues to get a settlement"

"Availability / flexibility"

"Easy going, impartial, positive"

Outside the office

A married man, Roger has three children aged (31 29 and 29 (yes, twins) who test his mediation skills to the limit.

When not negotiating family disputes, he enjoys playing and watching football, cycling, golf, running (after children), driving (children around), walking (away from arguments with his children), theatre (especially non-domestic drama) and good food (some now even cooked by his children).

A keen traveller, Roger speaks conversational French and Spanish.

Legal memberships and positions

- Civil Mediation Council (Board Member and Communications & Registration & Standards Committee. Chair of the Complaints Committee
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Standing Committee of Mediation Advocates
- Member of The Law Society
- Property Litigation Association member
- Accredited by the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Panel Member of the RICS/ Property Litigation Association Boundary Dispute Mediators

- Business Dispute Resolution Committee Member

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