



David Mackie

Overview

David Mackie is a solicitor and mediator, and a co-founder of QL Mediation. A specialist in commercial and public law, his experience as a litigator and transactional adviser spans both private and public sectors. He is a fluent French speaker, and a significant part of his work in private practice has been for international clients. In the public sector he has acted for most major central government departments and agencies, specializing in complex, high profile and highly sensitive disputes, frequently involving issues of national security. His mediation practice covers civil, commercial and workplace disputes.

David was admitted as a solicitor in 1979, accredited by CEDR as a civil and commercial mediator in 2011, and by ADR Group as a workplace mediator in 2014. He has a first degree in Modern History (Oxford University), and a master's degree in law (University College London).

Experience

As head of litigation at a Central London firm from 1984 to 1988, David acted in a wide variety of commercial disputes involving intellectual property, employment, landlord and tenant, shareholders, and civil fraud. In 1988 he moved to a City firm to specialize in maritime and commodity disputes. A senior lawyer in central government since 2001, he has dealt with many high profile cases on issues such as the hunting ban, animal experimentation, breach of national security, and the Guantanamo Bay rendition and torture claims. Since 2011 he has focused on transactional work for strategic government ICT and energy projects.

David has mediated disputes in the automotive, construction and civil engineering fields, over debt and property following relationship breakdowns, and in the workplace.

David's business experience includes board membership of a property investment company and of one of the UK's leading classical orchestras.

Sector Experience

David's sector experience includes:

- Shipping (damage to ship and to cargo, total loss, bills of lading, arrest and charter-party disputes, acting for owners and charterers, and P&I, Defence and Hull clubs);
- International sale of goods (condition quality and shortage claims for hard and soft commodities, repudiation, documentary credits, GAFTA and LME arbitration);
- Property (landlord and tenant, property development, fraud, shareholder disputes);
- Fashion retail and design (trade marks, copyright, search and freezing orders);
- Bloodstock (injury to bloodstock, negligence, personal injury, fraud);
- Trade unions (employment and disciplinary tribunals);
- Central government (strategic ICT and energy procurement, joint ventures, national security);
- The performing arts (funding, charities, governance).

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