



Civil & Commercial Mediation



Southampton's premier law firm - providing a full range of legal services to individuals and businesses across the Solent region for over 190 years.

Our aim is simple...

“To recognise and respond to our clients’ needs with prompt, clear and practical advice, based on a thorough knowledge of their situation.”

Paris Smith is a long established firm of solicitors providing a full range of legal services to individuals and businesses across the South of England and nationally.

We recognise that though disputes will always arise, it is important to try to resolve disputes in a cost effective, timely and efficient manner, taking into account all the needs and positions of the parties. Mediation is a growing area in civil and commercial disputes and business and individuals are coming to realise that there is another way of resolving issues which avoids the time, expense and stress of taking or defending a claim through the Courts.

At Paris Smith we can provide a mediation service which will be efficient, professional, cost effective and convenient. Most of all, it will give you another option to resolve the dispute which you may be involved in or upon which you are advising.

Why mediate@parissmith?

We can give you the following:

A range of fully trained and accredited mediators who are all qualified and experienced Solicitors, many of whom are leaders in their field.

Convenient city centre offices, minutes from the train station, and major roads into the city, close to an airport and with parking on site.

A suite of meeting rooms ideally presented for mediation.

All facilities provided as part of the overall fee (without hidden charges)

A first class mediation service at realistic rates

Details and profiles of our mediators can be found on our website at <http://www.parissmith.co.uk/civil-mediate>

What do we offer?

We will mediate on a range of civil or commercial disputes. Typically these might include the following:

Business disputes including:

Disputes with customers, clients or suppliers

Disagreements between partners, directors and shareholders

Disputes between individuals such as matters relating to:

Property and land

Contracts and Agreements

Professional Negligence

Wills and inheritance

Employment matters including:

Dismissal and discrimination claims

Grievances

The above are only some examples of where we can help you or your client but the range of matters where we can help will be much broader. Where we can possibly assist, we will.

Who is our mediation service aimed at?

Our mediation service is open to anyone who feels they or their clients might benefit from it. We are happy to receive instructions from:

Professionals, such as solicitors or accountants, particularly those engaged in costly or protracted disputes

Businesses, organisations or authorities who would prefer to resolve matters without the need to separately instruct solicitors or become involved in litigation

You don't need your solicitor to use our mediation service but it is important to be aware that we will not be providing legal advice during a mediation. Our role will be to assist you in resolving your dispute.

How much will mediation cost?

Mediation is likely to be a cost effective way of resolving any dispute. You will avoid the costs, or ongoing costs, of taking the matter through the Courts and you are also likely to save or secure personal relationships which might otherwise be lost.

You control the cost of mediation because we base our charges on the time it takes to mediate the case. We can accommodate clients who want a half-day mediation. If you want a full day or longer, we can do that as well.

Our fee structures are set out clearly in advance and we do not have any hidden or unexpected charges. The price you pay includes the Mediator's time, use of our offices, refreshments and on-site parking. Lunches can also be arranged if you require them.

Our up to date charges can be seen on our website at <http://www.parissmith.co.uk/civil-mediate>

Where next?

For more details of our mediation service, please visit our website or contact Denise Dodson on **023 8048 2273** or email her at denise.dodson@parissmith.co.uk

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