



CV: Philip Radford

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Partner

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Accredited Mediator since: 2001—ADR Group

Admitted as a Solicitor: 1985

Specialisms: Commercial, Professional Negligence, Contentious Probate, Classic Car Disputes

Overview of experience

Philip started his working life as a trainee Chartered Accountant, before qualifying as a solicitor initially into a general practice in 1985. After four years of general practice, he specialised in Commercial Litigation, heading the litigation team of a Surrey practice for nine years. He then led the Commercial Litigation/Dispute Resolution team at BPE Solicitors in Cheltenham for 23 years.

He has used his vast legal knowledge and accounting skills, which involved forensic analysis, to develop his team of litigators into a very successful Commercial Dispute Resolution practice, so having 10 years in the top tier of the Legal 500 and in recent years consistently acknowledged as one of the Legal 500 Leading Individuals.

With the benefit of his commercial training, Philip has always looked for commercial deals and considers a trial is a failure.

More recently he has developed practices in Professional Negligence, Contentious Probate and Classic Car litigation, regularly representing parties in mediation disputes in these practice areas.

Before mediation was introduced in the UK, Philip developed his skills holding settlement meetings to attempt to achieve realistic commercial settlements and always adopted a proactive approach.

Philip is a Classic Car enthusiast owning and rebuilding, from the chassis up, an MG Midget and a pre-war Morris 8. He uses a Triumph Stag daily and was well equipped to use this knowledge to resolve a motorcar engine dispute at mediation.

He is consistently highly rated by parties to mediations in their feedback forms and has an approachable and friendly manner.

Mediation experience

Philip has mediated a range of disputes including:

- Commercial Contract
- Director/shareholder
- Banking claims
- Classic car dispute
- Professional negligence claims

Memberships

- Law Society
- Professional Negligence Lawyers Association
- Bugatti Owners Club