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## **LAWRENCE HARRISON**

An experienced general commercial mediator with a settlement rate of above 90%\*.  
Examples of recent mediations are below.

Lawrence combines a highly commercial approach with a commonsense attitude enabling clients to keep focused on finding solutions to their problems.

*\*All mediations undertaken 2010-2015.*

### **Professional Background**

Lawrence spent over 20 years in private practice as a highly rated commercial lawyer. He read Law at UCL and Queens' College, Cambridge. Lawrence was a partner at the Simkins Partnership (1987-1998) then founded the specialist entertainment and media firm Harrison Curtis which merged with Russell-Cooke in 2005. His time is now divided between providing legal and commercial advice to a wide range of clients in the creative industries and his work as a mediator.

### **Feedback**

"Combines a good legal mind with an extremely commercial outlook."(Chambers)

"Considerate yet extremely rigorous" (Chambers)

"Tremendously impressive."(Legal 500)

"Calm and measured and quickly wins your trust."(Client)

"Can be gently persuasive or if needs be quite challenging, but never to the extent that there is any loss of confidence in his abilities or in his commitment to achieve what both parties want out of the process, namely a settlement."(Solicitor)

"He was very clear, warm and charismatic in his dealings with us throughout. Mr Harrison helped make a difficult day less traumatic." (Client )

"A good listener who quickly grasped the dynamics of the relationships in question."(Solicitor)

### **Examples of Recent Mediations**

- Director and Shareholder dispute as to ownership and management of a mid-sized distribution company (£10m turnover)
- Mediating between stakeholders in a major regional social enterprise business.
- Professional negligence claims (architect and surveyors)
- Complicated TOLATA dispute involving 3 properties and 2 businesses
- Dispute between major developer and a class (group action) of subsequent purchasers of freeholds relating to enforcement of covenants
- Three party Probate dispute with Inheritance Act and TOLATA claims

- Dispute between various music publishers and 60's pop star relating to copyright ownership of song catalogue
- Management dispute between leading classical recording artist and her management
- Dispute involving cross allegations of breach of warranties on sale and purchase of business, breach of restrictive covenants and liability under personal guarantees given in relation to leases of commercial property
- Agricultural business contractual dispute as to terms upon which crops were grown and counterclaims as to quality
- Neighbour and boundary disputes
- Residential building and JCT Contract disputes

### **Other Experience**

Trained as a mediator and accredited by ADR Group.

Former board member and trustee of the National Youth Theatre.

Part time lecturer in law at the University of Westminster.

### **Personal Interests**

Lawrence lives in North Cornwall. Interests include theatre, reading, tennis, bridge, skiing, Arsenal and walking his dog.