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The Mediation Chambers



Mark Jackson-Stops MA ACI Arb

Mark Jackson-Stops qualified as a chartered surveyor in 1973 and spent more than twenty years in private practice before becoming a full-time mediator in the 1990s. He trained as a mediator in the UK with CEDR, by whom he is accredited, and also with USA&M, then one of the largest US mediation practices, in Houston and El Paso, Texas.

Mark is an alumnus of the Program for the Instruction of Lawyers, 2001, at Harvard Law School under Professor Roger Fisher. He is on the mediation panel of the Court of Appeal, is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators and was a founding board member of the Civil Mediation Council. He is also a member emeritus of PIM Senior Mediators.

He is now one of the busiest and most experienced mediators working in the UK having conducted well over 1000 mediations, covering amongst other subjects:

- Commercial contracts (including Sale of Goods)
- Construction and property
- Defamation
- Employment
- Financial services
- Franchising
- Insurance
- Mortgage lending
- Partnership disputes
- Pensions and life assurance
- Pensions and endowment mis-selling
- Personal injury
- Probate and Inheritance
- Professional negligence
- Rights of Way, boundaries and Adverse Possession
- Shareholder disputes
- Taxation
- Undue influence

As a chartered surveyor, Mark's experience covered principally property development and finance, landlord and tenant negotiations, property investment, management and valuation. When in practice as a chartered surveyor, he held appointments as an expert valuer in a number of professional negligence cases and also acted as a Receiver under the Law of Property Act.

Mark Jackson-Stops has considerable business experience. He is or has been a non-executive director of a number of companies involved in nursing homes, property development and investment and public houses.

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Testimonials

'Exceptionally capable and learned', Mark Jackson-Stops.....rises to the top tier this year, having won the confidence of the legal profession who normally prefer their own. In doing so he has consistently demonstrated 'the ability to get on top of a large amount of complicated paperwork' and to 'grasp the legal and commercial issues underlying disputes'. He has 'no difficulty in imposing his authority and personality on a large group of senior people, and he has a very informal and inclusive style of dealing with different groups'; 'inventive and persistent in devising strategies', he continues to impress.

Legal 500, 2010 edition

Mark Jackson-Stops is a prolific and experienced mediator whom clients admire for his 'commercial nous', and 'flair for seeing the deal early'. He is described as 'sharp', 'astute', 'imaginative', and possessed of a 'great manner'. While 'courteous' and 'polite', he 'bares his teeth from time to time'.

Legal 500, 2011 edition

Mark Jackson-Stops, founder of In Place of Strife, is highly recommended, and for many 'a starting point when looking to appoint or recommend a mediator'. As one satisfied client reports: 'Without exception, he has quickly got to grips with the issues and gained the trust and respect of all the parties to the dispute, enabling him to calmly but forcefully challenge their often entrenched views and to achieve settlement on terms which each party can live with, but which often exceed their expectations at the start of a mediation'. He is also praised for 'always following up with the parties, to ensure that where settlement is possible, it is achieved'.

Legal 500, 2012 edition

Jackson-Stops "brings an incredible amount of energy and enthusiasm to mediations." Formerly a chartered surveyor, he sets himself apart with his strong commercial outlook and "quick grasp of both legal and factual points, particularly in property disputes." Other areas of expertise include commercial contracts and professional negligence. Sources say: "He understands the dynamics and looks not only at the moving parts between those involved, but also at a structured way forward."

Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession, 2012 edition