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Experience and Reputation

I have extensive legal expertise as barrister, judge and mediator in a wide variety of disputes: including, technical and construction, contractual, financial, personal injury, clinical and professional negligence, and boundaries.

In the field of conflict resolution I have a reputation for patience, active listening, ensuring a level playing field, encouraging cooperation between parties, identifying issues, attending to detail, managing cases and seeking just resolution between parties, yet ready to challenge where necessary.

Throughout my judicial career, I was an active promoter of mediation within and outside HM Courts Service, including within the Technology and Construction Court Settlement scheme (a form of mediation by the managing judge), and the Small Claims Mediation service.

I regard conducting mediations as a privilege, whether in commercial or pro bono community conflict resolution.

Education:

Mediation seminars:

Law Works Telephone Mediation podcast

Time Limited Mediation

Association of Northern Mediators Summer Schools 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019 plus regular ad hoc seminars

Restorative Justice; 2016

Community Mediation practice meetings ongoing

Mediator Academy ongoing

A New Year's Revolution January 2017

Remote Mediation training by Mediator Network March 2020

March 2011 MATA/RICS Accredited Mediator

1998-2014 Continuation education with the Judicial College in relevant case management and resolution skills.

1966 MA

1965 Called to the Bar Gray's Inn

1964 Inns of Court School of Law

1964 BA Law

1961-64 Emmanuel College Cambridge

Relevant work:

2011 to date Practice as Independent Mediator: 'Simon Grenfell Mediation'
www.simongrenfell.com/

Spring/Autumn 2011 Observed mediations

November 2010 to December 2014

Deputy Circuit Judge

2011-2013 Headed a working group engaged in standardising Civil court orders and directions as part of the implementation of the Jackson Review on Civil Costs.

2002-2010 Senior Circuit Judge

2000-2010 Designated Civil Judge for Leeds and North Yorkshire

1998-2000 Designated Civil Judge for Bradford

With particular brief to implement the 1998 Civil Justice Reforms

1992-2002 Circuit Judge

Judicial experience:

- 2008-2010 Authorised for Administrative Law cases (judicial review) in the High Court
- 1999-2010 Advisory role in the Modernising the Civil Court (later Courts and Tribunals Modernisation) Projects with particular emphasis on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and its application to court work
- 1999-2010 Advisory Editor, Supreme Court Practice (White Book)
- 1998 Authorised for Chancery and Mercantile cases in the High Court
- 1996 Authorised for Queen's Bench High Court Civil and Technology and Construction cases
- initially: criminal, civil and family law (authorised to hear fraud and serious sexual offences cases; public family child care)

1985-1992 Recorder

1978-1985 Assistant Recorder

1965-1992 Barrister (general common law)

- Majority of work in the field of civil personal injury, with particular speciality in the mining industry

- In addition, criminal (prosecution and defence) and family law work

Educational Work

1999-2010 Tutor Judicial Studies Board/Judicial College Civil Courses
 1998-2009 Annual lecture Leeds Met University Arbitration Masters Course

Additional work

2013 Working for the Slynn Foundation, advising the Appellate Court of Erbil, Kurdistan Region, in relation to updating the courts.

1992 to 2014: Chancellor, Diocese of Ripon (from 2000 Ripon and Leeds)

Involved all aspects of ecclesiastical law, in particular:

- Exercising the Faculty jurisdiction concerning the alteration of church buildings and consecrated land.
- Several controversial re-orderings of churches involving sensitive public meetings, requiring patience and understanding of the needs and wishes of church users.
- Resolving sensitive issues directly with bereaved relatives in relation to burials and memorials

2007 to 2014: Panel Member of Chairmen of Clergy Discipline Tribunals

2016 to April 2020 Chair Citizen's Advice Craven and Harrogate Districts

2015 to date Trustee (Vice-Chair 2016) Citizen's Advice Craven and Harrogate Districts

2002-2012 Governor Ripon Cathedral Choir School

1997-2001 Chairman of Governors, Ripon Grammar School

In both capacities,

- Chairing meetings with a reputation for efficiency
- Resolving disputes concerning pupils, staff and parents

Interests and Achievements

- Promoting the use of ICT among the judiciary and the Courts service generally
- Sailing, navigation and generally messing about in boats
- Choral singing
- Concert going
- Cinema
- Garden projects
- Travel