

## **GILES EYRE**

### **Mediation experience**

Giles Eyre was accredited by CEDR in 2004. He was appointed to the CEDR Solve panel of mediators in August 2006.

Giles has extensive experience of ADR, including mediation, from his professional practice, and has assisted in mediations since his accreditation involving commercial, personal injury and clinical negligence disputes.

Disputes that he has successfully mediated include:

- a multi-million pound damages claim arising out of an injury causing chronic regional pain syndrome, with very substantial disputes on future losses and needs, settled for a 7-figure sum
- a stress at work claim by a government employee
- a claim involving a claimant with chronic pain syndrome where there were extensive issues as to pre-existing vulnerability, exaggeration and failure to mitigate
- an alleged back injury claim said to have arisen in the course of manual handling where the existence of an injury was in dispute as also all circumstances relevant to training, instructions and systems, and quantum
- issues as to contributory negligence and quantum in relation to a claimant who fell into the basement area in front of a London house in the early hours of the morning suffering a head injury

### **Personal style**

Giles' long experience of the variety of behaviour people demonstrate when in dispute, and his keen analytical mind, enable him to identify the substance of a disagreement and provide channels for parties to reach an agreed resolution while winning the confidence of all involved through his easy and friendly manner.

Feedback he has received includes:

‘A calm and perceptive presence ... a very keen mind, an easy and open manner with people and a light touch.’

‘A good instinct for the next move.’

## **Professional background**

Giles was called to the Bar in 1974, and has practised exclusively in the fields of personal injury, clinical negligence and related solicitors' negligence claims for the last 15 years or so. Since 2001 he has been a member of chambers at 9 Gough Square, London EC4.

Cases in which he is involved include claims arising from work place and road accidents and from occupational health issues, with a particular interest in asbestos-related illness and claims involving head and spinal injuries. In clinical negligence he has particular experience of claims concerning accident & emergency failures, brain surgery, cervical cancer screening, failed sterilisations and general practitioners' negligence. He deals with claims in relation to solicitor's negligence in pursuing litigation.

Increasingly ADR has become a part of his practice with Giles frequently being involved in negotiations and mediations to resolve the disputes.

His professional career has also involved him in the development and use of other skills relevant to mediation.

- For 7 years he was head of chambers (in his previous chambers) where his skills were used to evolve business plans with a disparate group of sole practitioners, develop practices, resolve various disputes and manage staff.
- He was for 7 years a part time chairman in the Appeals Service, sitting with medical and lay members to hear social security appeals, an inquisitorial role in hearings generally involving unrepresented parties.
- In 2004 he was appointed a Recorder.

## **Other skills**

Giles has been involved for over a decade in the training of lawyers in various fields related to his practice, and medical practitioners in medico-legal topics, through lecturing, seminar, workshops and writing. He has provided training in mediation skills to lawyers.