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“Brian Dawson was one of the four founding minds behind the creation of the pioneering Chester Mediation scheme which was based at Chester Civil Justice Centre and which ran from 2004 until absorbed into the (marginally less effective) National Scheme in 2008. The Chester Scheme was one of the most successful schemes in the country. It settled 81.4% of the cases referred to it and Brian’s role in liaison between the Court and the Association of Northern Mediators was vital to this success.

He is the Senior Partner of the largest Solicitors' firm in Chester and is widely regarded as being one of the leading personal injury litigation lawyers in the North West of England with very wide experience in such cases. His skills as both a negotiator and as a mediator are formidable and his knowledge of this area of the law is encyclopaedic.

He is pleasant, courteous and approachable. I have no hesitation in recommending him as a mediator”.

His Honour Judge Derek Halbert

Qualified: Mediator (ADR Group 1996, CEDR 2001), Solicitor (1980).

Education: Rossall School & Manchester University

General Information:

Brian Dawson is the Senior Partner at Walker Smith Way, which is a firm comprising 28 Partners and a staff of 130 in total. He has extensive experience in personal injury claims gained from over 27 years of practising law in this area. He specialises in Claimant Personal Injury, Disease and Clinical Negligence, including spinal brain injuries and catastrophic injury claims. His experience as a Solicitor is as a Civil Litigator.

Brian is a Deputy District Judge and currently is the APIL (Association of Personal Injury Lawyers) Co-ordinator for Wales.

He set up and ran the very successful Chester Civil Justice Centre Mediation Scheme for a number of years.

Mediation:

Brian is an accredited Mediator with CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) and ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution Group) and is also a Member of the Association of Northern Mediators. He has mediated in a wide variety of cases but specialises in professional negligence of all types and in particular clinical negligence, personal injury and all civil litigation matters including commercial, contract and consumer.

Additional Experience

He is a fellow of APIL and a member of The Law Society Personal Injury Panel, and he is a former member of the Law Society Clinical Negligence Panel and AVMA Clinical Negligence Panel.

He is identified as a specialist solicitor by both the Spinal Injuries Association and Headway.