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"Sir Henry's mediation skills were excellent; he facilitated a settlement when we feared we would not reach one."

"Sir Henry was fantastic at pointing out the risks to both sides. This undoubtedly narrowed the issues even if it did not settle."

"I was very impressed with Sir Henry. He only said things when they needed saying. He was very helpful and his bedside manner with the claimant was second to none."

Qualified: Mediator (formerly Barrister/Judge, called 1963 (Inner Temple), QC 1981)

Judicial Career:

High Court Judge (Queen's Bench Division) 1988

Lord Justice of Appeal 1996

Vice-President of the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) 2003

Retired 2006

General Information:

Sir Henry Brooke is a common lawyer with great experience of personal injury litigation both at the Bar and on the Bench. As Chairman of the Law Commission he was heavily involved with its major law reform study on personal injury damages. At the Bar he was usually instructed by claimants' solicitors. He was also instructed often by the Medical Defence Union, appearing as leading counsel for the defendants in such cases as *Sidaway v Bethlem & Maudsley Hospitals* and *Wilsher v Essex AHA*.

After National Service in the Royal Engineers and four years at Balliol College Oxford studying classics and ancient history, Sir Henry opened his first law book at the age of 25. He was for a number of years a member of the Advisory Council for the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford and a member of the Board of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at London University. He is chairman of the Trustees of BAILII (the free access legal website).

Sir Henry has been trained and accredited as a mediator by ADR Chambers, CEDR and the School of Psychotherapy and Counselling, and has conducted over 130 mediations, many of them in personal injury cases. He writes about mediation in learned journals and frequently lectures on mediation, both in this country and abroad. He is Chairman of the Civil Mediation Council and of Trust Mediation.

Education: Marlborough College; Balliol College Oxford (First Class honours)

Additional Experience:

Chairman of four Bar Council Committees 1985-1991; Chairman of the Law Commission January 1993-December 1995; Chairman of Disciplinary Tribunals at Lloyd's 1985-7; he now sits occasionally in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.