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- "Her temperament and personality fit mediation very well".
- "Her relationship skills are very suited to mediation. She has a degree of energy, enthusiasm and personal warmth. She is relaxed and attentive to the needs of the parties."
- "In reality testing her quiet tone and calmness were extremely helpful."
- "Lea is hugely experienced in insurance work and is fully committed to the mediation process."
- "She built up a good rapport with the parties and, more importantly, very quickly fostered a good rapport *between the parties.*"
- "She was extremely approachable."
- "She got to grips with the issues quickly."

Professional :

Lea is a Partner at Bond Pearce LLP and was accredited by CEDR as a Mediator in 2005. In 2007 she was appointed as a member of CEDR's commercial mediator panel. In 2009 she was appointed as a mediator to the panel of Trust Mediation the specialist personal injury mediation company chaired by Sir Henry Brooke. She receives mediation referrals from CEDR, ADR Group, Trust Mediation and direct from the parties.

Lea is a very experienced solicitor and Mediator. She works hard in attending to the needs of the parties and creating a settlement environment during the mediation. She is energetic and enthusiastic and is particularly attentive to Claimants who have been very seriously injured to ensure that they feel able to fully participate in the mediation.

Lea qualified as a solicitor in 1991 and has practiced in the field of personal injury and insurance disputes for 18 years. She deals with catastrophic employers' liability, public liability and road traffic personal injury claims, together with medical negligence and marine related personal injury claims. She leads the Liability team at Bond Pearce.

Lea is recognised as a leader in her field by Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession 2010, describing her as "highly effective and always reasonable". In 2009 clients said she had "truly amazing judgement and an efficient and meticulous approach to her work".

She has particular expertise in relation to:

- High value catastrophic brain injury involving young Claimants and children. Her current case load involves a number of catastrophic brain injury claims and she is the named individual lawyer for one client's catastrophic injury work.
- Coverage issues.
- Occupational stress cases.
- Health and safety advice and representation.
- Psychiatric injury and hysteria.
- Cases involving traumatic amputation and prosthetics.
- Spinal injury
- Cases involving the consideration of funding arrangements for continuing future care.
- Court of Protection issues.

Lea is a past President of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers, and a member of the Health & Safety Lawyers Association. She is an advisory council member of Trust Mediation's Advisory Council and a Judge for the Personal Injury Awards 2009. She is a member of FOIL's mediation special interest group. She is also a Trustee of the Wessex Neurological Centre Trust.

Lea has spoken regularly at conferences and industry events organised by Insurance Times, JPIL, Central Law Training, FOIL and the International Underwriting Association. She has also been a regular commentator in the industry press on Process Reform and the Ministry of Justice Consultation on Case Track Limits and Claims Process. She has presented to insurers and Defendant Practitioners on the benefits of mediation.

Mediation Experience :

Personal injury

- A public liability claim for damages against a local authority arising out of a tripping accident where the parties were significantly apart in respect of quantum.
- A high value public liability claim for damages where the Claimant sustained catastrophic injury leaving her paraplegic, where liability was contested by three Defendants.
- A public liability claim for damages for injuries allegedly sustained by the Claimant whilst in the Defendant's custody; liability was contested by two Defendants.
- An employer's liability claim for damages by a fisherman who was injured at sea; both liability and quantum were disputed.
- An employer's liability claim for personal injuries sustained by a claimant on a construction site. Liability was not disputed but there was a substantial difference of opinion on causation between medical experts.
- A claim in negligence for personal injuries sustained by a Claimant caused by a dispensing pharmacist's mistake resulting in the Claimant undergoing an unnecessary operative procedure.
- A vicarious liability claim for damages for alleged sexual abuse against multiple defendants; consideration of limitation issues and date of knowledge; questions of vicarious liability and quantification of losses between the Defendants.
- A substantial claim for personal injuries brought by a construction worker against multiple defendants who fell from the roof of a warehouse under construction; liability and quantum disputed; issues around whether or not he was a sub-contractor or employee and status and contribution of other contracting parties.
- A substantial claim for personal injuries to a Claimant who sustained orthopaedic and psychiatric injuries from a road traffic accident alleging that the accident had caused her to change her career track as a teacher.
- A substantial claim for personal injuries sustained by an elderly Claimant in a road traffic accident involving issues of ill-health retirement, pension loss and ongoing claims for DIY, gardening and household maintenance.
- A claim for substantial personal injuries and future losses sustained by a teacher. Issues involved quantification for future losses for pension, care, cleaner, gardener, farm hand and future loss of earnings.
- A substantial claim for personal injuries pleaded just under £3,000,000 brought by a Claimant who was injured in a road traffic accident as a child. Involving issues of adequate future provision, including future loss of earnings, pension, future case management and support worker, future employment of nanny.

Landlord and tenant

- Relationship between tenant and Housing Association; parties negotiating a future communications strategy following breakdown of relationship.

- Dispute in relation to repair works and access to the Claimant's home; status of tenancy in issue.
- Dispute between property owner and managing agent.

Contractual disputes

- Dispute between a company and employee in relation to a loan; issue of whether or not it was an option to purchase.

