



# Trust Mediation

**Angela Curran**

**Mediator since April 1996**

**Specialist areas: Court of protection, Birth trauma, neonatology, fatal accident particularly arising from psychiatric negligence and oncology.**



*"a standout lawyer" and "a genuine specialist" Legal 500*

## **Professional**

Angela was accredited as a mediator in 1996. In 2003 she was appointed to the Court of Appeal Mediation Panel and is former Director of ADR net. She receives mediation referrals from a wide variety of sources.

Angela is a very experienced mediator having conducted more than 100 mediations. She was very heavily involved in the Central London County Court scheme when in its infancy and in the mediation pilot at Newcastle upon Tyne County Court. Angela mediated in the NHS mediation pilot scheme and has been actively involved in training Judges from other jurisdictions in mediation. She has lectured extensively on the subject.

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She qualified as a solicitor in 1994 and has practiced in clinical negligence law since that time. She deals with cases of the utmost severity, usually involving children injured at birth resulting in profound brain injury but has experience across the board in clinical negligence matters.

She is a member of the Law Society Clinical Negligence Accreditation Scheme and AVMA Specialist Clinical Negligence Panel.

She is listed in Legal 500 and recommended as a leader in her field in Chambers & Partners.

A biochemist by training she particularly enjoys the forensic nature of investigating a case. Her clients are drawn from a wide geographical area and purely on the basis of her reputation. Her experience ranges across all medical disciplines and she has pursued cases against Trusts, GPs, the Ambulance Service, private clinics and alternative therapists. Angela has experience of disciplinary hearings before the GMC. She is a keen advocate with lots of experience in the Coroners Court.

Angela has been head of the Serious Injury and Court of Protection departments over the past 20 years and has considerable experience in both areas. She has a particular interest in the complex issue of mental capacity.

Angela also has expertise in psychiatric cases arising out of both serious injury cases and employment law situations.

## **Mediation Experience; A Flavour**

### **Personal Injury**

- A claim by a fisherman who sustained a traumatic amputation whilst at sea. The breach of duty case was successfully mediated by Angela who was subsequently asked to (successfully) mediate the quantum.
- A claim for negligence brought by a gamekeeper who shot himself during the course of his employment.
- A claim for psychiatric injury as a result of work place bullying.
- A claim for orthopaedic and psychiatric injury sustained in a factory as a result of unguarded machinery.
- A claim for orthopaedic and psychiatric injury as a result of a pedestrian being struck by a bus.
- A claim by a Litigant in person against the Police for personal injury claim and also for alleged malicious prosecution and false imprisonment.
- A claim for parents of a small child run over by a bus where both parents witnessed the event and had significant psychiatric claims.
- A claim by a head teacher against the LEA for psychiatric injury as a result of work place bullying by another member of staff.

- A claim for the parents of an individual who died as a result of falling into an industrial shredder during the course of his employment. The Defendant initially argued that the matter was a suicide.

### **Professional Negligence**

- A claim against a solicitor's practice on the basis of the failure to consider a loss of services in a fatal accident claim.
- A claim against an accountancy practice for providing inaccurate tax advice.

### **Landlord & Tenant**

- A dispute in relation to repairs required at end of tenancy.
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- A dispute in relation to dilapidation in a commercial lease.

### **Clinical Negligence**

- A mediation of a cerebral palsy case prior to issue of proceedings.
- A mediation of a cosmetic surgery case with a litigant in person, a very small value claim with huge issues. The case settled with a letter of thanks from both parties.
- A claim for parents arising out of a neonatal death

### **Feedback**

- *"analytical and perceptive"*
- *"Very easy to communicate with."*
- *"Admired for the level of understanding and hard work she puts in to support her clients"*
- *"Cannot be thanked or praised enough for the way she brought things together in a professional yet understanding fashion"*
- *"Really gets to grips with the issues, ensured things ran in a very smooth way"*
- *"Took the pressure out of the day"*

Angela is a member of the Court of Appeal Mediation Panel and has successfully mediated cases before they go to appeal

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