# Trust Mediation

**Tessa Herman** Mediator since 2014 Civil Mediation Council Registered Member



### Specialist areas: Personal injury, clinical negligence

"We had been acting for a client who had been injured through the negligence of a doctor. The case had gone on for many years without a breakthrough. Through Tessa's skills, after a long day, the case settled, providing finality for all sides. Tessa was fair and respectful towards our client, eliciting helpful information. Truth Legal would recommend Tessa as a mediator."

### Professional

Tessa is an experienced personal injury solicitor having qualified in 1998. She trained at leading personal injury law firm, Irwin Mitchell in both personal injury and clinical negligence developing a particular expertise in high value Claimant catastrophic injury cases especially brain injury in both adults and children, securing numerous multi-million pound awards both in and out of Court. She was well regarded as an expert in this particular field by counsel, experts and rehabilitation professionals gaining accreditation through APIL as a Fellow.

In 2012 Tessa left Irwin Mitchell to set up her own legal consultancy, providing expert legal support to firms with complex injury litigation including clinical negligence on a consultancy basis.

She also provides specialist training to expert witnesses and organisations such as NHS Trusts, CQC and OPG.

Tessa qualified as an accredited civil, commercial and workplace mediator in 2014. In 2015, she joined London School of Mediation providing international mediation training on a monthly basis. She is now a Director of London School of Mediation.

She also has undertaken some voluntary community mediation for Yorkshire Mediation.

### **Mediation Experience**

Recent mediations include:

- Clinical negligence privately instructed doctor who provided negligent cosmetic surgery. Case had been ongoing for many years. Resolved.
- Personal injury sports injury, dental injury. Resolved.
- Contractual dispute over loan of money. Resolved.
- Contractual dispute over negligent boat repairs. Resolved.
- Workplace dispute between 2 doctors.

# Qualifications

London School of Mediation May 2014

- Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator
- College of Law, York 1995- 1996

Legal Practice Course (Commendation)

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth 1992 – 1995

- LLB Hons. Degree 2:1

# Feedback

'Tessa was patient and non-judgmental throughout'

'I have worked with Tessa for over 10 years or more on the most complex personal injury cases. She is not only an excellent lawyer but also a most effective organiser and communicator. She has first class inter personal skills.' Gerard McDermott QC

Finally, Tessa Herman comments:

"Having seen first hand how protracted and emotionally costly litigation can be, I am a firm believer that mediation is the best alternative. Being approachable and able to communicate in the most difficult of situations enables me to work with all manner of participants to help them find their way through the often apparently intractable cases to a settlement".

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