

# Andrew Holt | Mediation Profile

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## Practice Overview

Andrew is an experienced, CMC-registered mediator who has an extensive and impressive background in litigation and dispute resolution. Andrew's 30-plus year legal career started in the City and culminated in him overseeing the dispute resolution team and being appointed managing partner of a leading regional law firm.

Since he graduated as a mediator in 2019, Andrew has been involved with 75+ mediations and covered a broad range of both civil and commercial matters. Some of his notable cases have included inheritance disputes (including validity and probate claims), professional negligence, construction, building project works issues, landlord and tenant matters and boundary disputes.

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## Approach

Andrew is regularly praised for being supportive, understanding and empathetic. He combines his legal knowledge and expertise with a balanced and neutral professionalism for clients. Andrew's focus is on helping parties to understand the issues and work together to move forward in the most effective way.

Clients regularly praise Andrew, and one recently for his "excellent work, patience, persistence and advice...to finally reach a positive conclusion" and has made clients who are new to the process feel at ease, with another commenting that "this has been my first experience of mediation and would now recommend it to anyone".

Andrew's services include both legal advice and support, and mediation, and he will talk to you about your needs. Resolution is a journey and often a conversation. Andrew is your ideal practitioner for your needs, and he will help you navigate through your options and find the right way forward.

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## Mediation and professional experience

- ❖ Family inheritance
- ❖ Landlord and tenant disputes
- ❖ Wills and probates
- ❖ Boundary, rights of way and landowner disputes
- ❖ Neighbour disputes
- ❖ Noise and anti-social behaviour
- ❖ Construction and building works, including developers
- ❖ Professional negligence
- ❖ Housing Associations
- ❖ Dispute resolution litigation (with emphasis on property, wills, trusts and probates)



*"Andrew was extremely helpful through the mediation process. He took on board all my concerns and was key in assisting both parties to reach a reasonable compromise at the meeting, avoiding a costly court bill. Highly recommended."*

*"During a highly challenging time in my life, Andrew guided and supported me throughout to a very successful financial conclusion. I have no hesitation in recommending his legal expertise together with his professional, kind and understanding manner."*

*"Andrew, we are very grateful for your excellent work, patience, persistence and advice through this long and tricky process. We are so pleased that this has finally reached a positive outcome."*

*"I can't believe how useful this mediation has been! Thanks again. This has been my first experience of mediation and would now recommend it to anyone."*

*“Thank you very much indeed for your much appreciated assistance in helping us reach an agreement yesterday with respect to our late parents affairs.”*

- ❖ Creating mentoring programmes
  - ❖ Advising and dealing with regulatory issues, anti-money laundering
  - ❖ Volunteer mediator at West Sussex Mediation Service - dealing with tenancy issues, neighbour disputes, boundaries, noise and anti- social behaviour
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### Qualifications and Accreditations

- ❖ CMC Accredited mediator, dispute resolution specialist and conflict coach
  - ❖ Coole Bevis LLP - solicitor and head of dispute resolution department (2000-2019), managing partner (2008 to 2015)
  - ❖ Berwin Leighton, commercial litigator (1993-2000)
  - ❖ College of Law, Law Society Finals (1989-1990)
  - ❖ University of Manchester, law degree (1989)
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### Examples of recent cases

- ❖ Dispute between family members over farm business and property including complex inheritance and probate issues - resolved successfully at face to face mediation.
- ❖ Construction dispute between buy to let owners and builder - successfully resolved at face to face mediation..
- ❖ Right of way and boundary dispute - settled at mediation.
- ❖ Ownership dispute between co-owners of a house - settled following successful mediation over Zoom.

