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**Chris Barber**

Chris is an accredited civil and commercial mediator. His mediation experience has ranged from property to insolvency and Company Act disputes. He has a particular interest in mediations that involve:

* Family matters and family businesses
* Probate & trusts
* Property disputes inc. Landlord & Tenant
* Insurance and financial services
* Insolvency and debt

Chris has been described as having a firm but fair approach to mediation. He also takes an altruistic view of society and will look to help with occasional pro bono and community mediations.

**Professional experience**

Chris has been practicing as a civil litigation solicitor for over 7 years. He has extensive experience in a range of disputes from personal injury to multi track complex contractual cases. One notable case included a claim in damages for over £1.6 million.

He started his career dealing with property matters and he continues to deal with property disputes including landlord & tenant matters, boundary disputes and construction/building disputes.

**Other Experience**

Chris has previously run his own successful business and has been the Treasurer and Secretary for Cardiff Samaritans. In his early 20s he was one of the youngest employees of a travel company to take up the role of Assistant Manager of a French hotel.

This commercial experience will be brought to mediations that involve business disputes such as shareholders, directors and members of family-run businesses.

**Education**

Chris studied Law and French at Cardiff University and completed his Legal Practice Course at Bristol.

**Publications**

Drawing on his business experience, Chris has published ‘Law for Start Up Businesses’.