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PROFILE

General information:

Roger is a very experienced Solicitor specialising in litigation since qualifying and dealing with a wide range of different types of dispute. Over the years he has seen so many disputes settle at the door of the Court or at the last minute. As a result he believes that early settlement is nearly always better than a prolonged dispute. Rarely does either person or company involved in a dispute achieve a better result at trial than would have been achieved by earlier discussion or mediation. It seems that people become obsessed with the "bottom line" and ignore at their peril the advantages of bringing a dispute to an end so that they can get on with their lives or their businesses.

People who have a dispute under-estimate the effect of that dispute on their business life, home life and general well being.

Roger believes that his experience and skill can facilitate disputing people to find solutions which satisfy both of them.

The types of dispute with which Roger feels confident to facilitate a solution include:-

- Wills and Inheritance
- Commercial contracts
- Disputes between business partners, company directors or shareholders
- Professional negligence
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Property disputes including boundary disputes
- Employment and workplace disputes
- Building contracts and construction

Roger is based in Kendal but is happy to travel throughout the North and North Midlands.

Recent experience:

- A Mediation of a dispute between a retiring partner and the continuing partners of a professional practice.
- As legal representative of a company disputing with a building contractor over a major failure in a large construction contract.
- A Mediation of a dispute between a brother and sister (and their partners!) which had festered for over 20 years.
- A Mediation of a dispute between two very hard-headed businessmen over the validity and effect of a service contract.

Academic and career background:

An Oxford Graduate who qualified as a Solicitor in 1971 with distinctions in two of the papers in the Law Society's final examination.

He moved from Chester to Kendal in 1977 and has been the Senior Partner of his firm since 1989. Always a litigation specialist, he has experience in personal injury for both Claimants and Defendants, clinical negligence, building contract disputes, partnership disputes, property claims and contested probate.

Personal:

Away from his professional life Roger plays golf, enjoys walking, cycling, food, wine and music.

Professional Associations:

Civil Mediation Council
Association of Personal Injury Lawyers
Westmorland Law Society