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PRACTICE AREAS

Mediation and ADR

PROFILE

Peter retired from the circuit bench in 2013 and joined chambers as a door tenant in January 2014. He provides an alternative dispute resolution service, including the three forms of ADR mentioned above.

Peter was called to the Bar at King's Inns, Dublin in 1964. After completing a doctorate at Cambridge and holding a lectureship at Durham, he came to Lincoln's Inn in 1969. He took silk in 1983 and was appointed to the circuit bench in 1991. He sat for ten years in East Anglia (where he was the first Designated Civil Judge for the court centres at Norwich and Cambridge). In 2001 he moved to Leeds and at the time of his retirement was the

Mercantile Judge for the North Eastern Circuit. He covered the full range of civil work, including (in addition to commercial cases) chancery and insolvency, personal injuries, and clinical negligence. He was also assigned to sit in the Administrative Court.

PRACTICE AREAS

Mediation and ADR

Since joining chambers, Peter has undertaken mediations throughout the country, principally in Leeds, Newcastle and Manchester, but also in London and in Bristol (where he now lives). He believes in an informal and flexible approach to mediation, and believes that his long judicial experience assists potential litigants in identifying the way in which they can sensibly settle their dispute.

The principal areas in which Peter's services have been called upon are Probate and inheritance, land (boundaries and easements), insolvency, directors' misfeasance, and contractual disputes. But, in line with his wide experience of other subjects, Peter can undertake alternative dispute resolution in any area of civil litigation and will do so in any part of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

In addition to mediation and ADR, Peter also sits as an Arbitrator and assists in Early Neutral Evaluation

CAREER AND ASSOCIATIONS

1964 - Called to the Bar, King's Inns, Dublin

1967 - Called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn

1983 - Appointed King's Counsel

1991 - Circuit Judge

2013 - Retired

2014 - Commenced ADR practice

PUBLICATIONS

Joint editor (with Judge Paul Baker QC) of two editions of Snell's Equity

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