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Previously a commercial litigation partner in international law firms Eversheds and Reed Smith, Stephen is now a partner in business law firm Hill Hofstetter, where mediation forms a major part of his practice.

Chambers & Partners' Guide to the UK Legal Profession rates Stephen in Band 1 of leading individuals and has said of him:

"His "measured and sensible approach" convinces commentators that clients are in safe hands." [2008]

*"Stephen Barker wins applause for his exceptional work"
" A well established and respected practitioner"
"Hard working and highly intelligent." [2009]*

"An extremely good litigator with an astute business mind." [2010]

As an independent commercial mediator, Stephen is able to bring this depth of understanding of the dispute resolution process, coupled with his ability to create innovative solutions for his own clients, to help parties solve seemingly unsolvable problems.

Stephen is a solicitor, advocate and mediator with over 20 years experience acting for a broad base of commercial clients.

Stephen began acting as advocate in mediations in the mid 1990s and since 2001, when he became accredited as a mediator by CEDR, he has regularly mediated disputes both as lead and as co-mediator. He is a panel member of the Association of Midlands Mediators.

Stephen is a Certified Member of the Mediators Institute of Ireland and has established a co-mediation pairing with Dublin based mediator Margaret Bouchier.

Professional
Qualifications:

Admitted as a Solicitor – 1989
Solicitor-Advocate – 1998
CEDR accredited Mediator - May 2001

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Representative matters acting as lead Mediator

Solicitor's negligence claim for breach of duty arising from issuing insurance coverage claim outside limitation period. Significant disputes concerning the value of the loss of the claimant's chance to have recovered damages in the first action. The claimant's claim related to an incident that had occurred 14 years ago.

Quantum: Around £200k

Professional negligence claim against a firm of solicitors for alleged failure to carry out proper searches in relation to the purchase of plot of land. There were issues in respect of both liability and the alleged diminution in value of the land.

Quantum: Around £250k including claimant's costs

Tri-partite mediation in claim by Liquidator against former director and connected company relating to the transfer of assets at an undervalue, and claim by Liquidator against the solicitors who had carried out the transaction.

Quantum: Around £1/2m including claimant's costs

Pro-bono multi-party property ownership dispute. Claim brought by residents association against property owner alleging rights of way and seeking declarations as to ownership of land.

Quantum: undisclosed

4 party guarantee/misrep/solicitor's negligence dispute. Claim by brewery against guarantors for trade debt and lease liabilities. Counterclaim alleging misrep. Third Party claim against guarantors' solicitors.

Quantum: Claim: £230k; Counterclaim £750k

Construction dispute. Claim for delay and disruption damages by contractor against supplier relating to allegedly faulty product.

Quantum: £15k plus substantial future business

Six party "Springboard" injunction proceedings between volume car trading business and group of former employees. Allegations of unlawful retention of confidential information such as customer lists, pricing and business plans.

Quantum: c £1m