

Clive Blackwood

Educated in Scotland and at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, Clive Blackwood was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1986 and qualified as a mediator in 2006.

His practice at the Bar has consisted of general commercial work, briefed at all levels from County Court to the House of Lords (Supreme Court), including:

- Bankruptcy and insolvency, including all contractually based claims, particularly finance and credit transactions, agency, domestic and international sale and transportation of goods, supply of goods and services;
- Banking and insurance, including securities, guarantees and indemnities, bankers' and insurers' liabilities and coverage disputes;
- Company and partnership, including shareholder disputes, fiduciary and directors' duties, group companies, directors disqualification applications and minority shareholders claims, partnership dissolutions, policy and succession disputes and accounts actions;
- Construction – including ADR, adjudication, professional negligence and property/building issues;
- Defamation – including malicious falsehood and negligent misstatement;
- Employment – including unfair dismissal, equality and diversity and commercial employment disputes.

Clive has served as a director of a number of companies, including a national mediation company and at PLC Board level, and has inside experience of both local (City of London Corporation, London Boroughs) and national government.

Clive has acted as mediator in all kinds of commercial disputes in the last eight years and has written the "Mediation – Best Practice Guide" (2009) for one of the country's leading mediation practices. He is experienced in multi party mediations, including insurance market and internal corporate mediations, utilising both his legal background and practical commercial experience to bring parties together in a positive atmosphere. 80% of



Year of Call: 1986

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mediations so conducted have resulted in a settlement on the day of mediation, with a small percentage settling shortly thereafter.

Insolvency

Clive has been consistently instructed in insolvency matters throughout his career by liquidators, administrators and like other office-holders. He has a particular expertise in Berkeley Applegate Orders, having advised international clients upon the potential application of the equitable principles and having appeared in *AIGP v Delivered on Time* on behalf of the successful Applicants.

He qualified as a mediator in 2006 and has substantial experience both as an advocate within mediations and as a mediator himself, including acting as a mediator in international and cross-border disputes.

His present practice includes insolvency, banking and commercial insurance, and building and construction disputes at all levels including the Technology & Construction Court. He is a Member of COMBAR and the Civil Mediation Council.