

Keith Etherington

Accredited Mediator



Keith joined a high street firm in 1987 and qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives in 1996. In 2002 Keith was admitted by the Law Society as a solicitor. In 2013, he was appointed as a Deputy District Judge on the Northern Circuit. Throughout his career, Keith has only ever undertaken civil litigation work specialising in complex injury, commercial litigation, construction disputes, property litigation and contentious probate/trusts.

Since joining Slater & Gordon in 2013, Keith has specialised in all aspects of contentious trusts and probate. Keith is a Registered Contentious Trust and Probate Specialist (ATCAPS), a member of the Civil Mediation Council and a member of the Association of North West Mediators. He has over 20 years of experience with mediations (as advocate and mediator) in most areas of civil/commercial work.



He particularly specialises in:

- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Construction/building disputes
- Contentious probate
- Neighbour disputes
- Boundary disputes including rights of way
- Professional negligence
- Property trusts (resulting/constructive)
- Commercial contracts
- Personal injury

We were delighted with Keith Etherington's approachability, professionalism, willingness to listen, ability to grasp our arguments and present his clearly, while never at any time putting us under pressure. We were greatly relieved by the outcome and would very highly recommend him, he was brilliant .

W Fleming, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, November 2014

Notable cases:

Chadwick v Collinson [2014] EWHC 3055(Ch)(application of forfeiture rule on estate of manslaughter victim)

Hall v Holker Estate Co Ltd [2008] EWCA Civ 1422 (burden of proof in occupiers' liability claims)

Additional information:

He is also a Council Member of The Law Society of England & Wales, representing solicitors practising civil litigation. Keith is Chair of The Law Society's Membership Board and a member of the Civil Justice Committee. In 2006, he was elected as the President of the Oldham Law Association and still serves on the Committee. In October 2009, Keith was part of a group of lawyers that volunteered for an expedition with charity Raleigh International, to a small village in the north of Sabah, Malaysia to install a water supply for a village that had no clean water. In 2012, he was part of a charitable human rights mission to Colombia to investigate and report on the murders, disappearances and wrongful imprisonments of judges and lawyers.

For several years, Keith has lectured for a private provider on all areas of law and legal practice for students studying for the CILEX qualifications. He provides civil litigation training on behalf of The Law Society.