

## Independent Commercial Mediation with Colin David Russ

Colin Russ is a leading, independent commercial mediator. He is a Top Ranked Commercial Mediator in Band 1 of the Chambers UK Guide 2025 and is a Top Tier Hall of Fame Commercial Mediator in the Legal 500 Guide 2025.



Colin has also been voted the winner of Dispute Resolution Mediator of the Year in England at the Leaders in Law Global Awards 2024 and is recognised in the Who's Who Legal 2024 Commercial Mediation Directory.

Originally qualified as a lawyer, Colin practiced as a commercial litigation lawyer for over 20 years, ultimately as Head of Litigation at the Birmingham office of global law firm DLA Piper. After his interest in the mediation process grew, Colin gained his Mediator Accreditation and left DLA (as it was then) to set up his own mediation practice called CDR.

Over the last 24 years Colin has built CDR into a thriving, independent commercial mediation practice in the UK. His clients include many of the UK's leading law firms and he has considerable expertise in high value multi-party mediations, involving complex multi-issue disputes. He has completed **over 1800 mediations** to date.

Colin has mediated disputes across a broad range of subjects and has developed particular expertise in relation to disputes arising out of:

- Defective Cladding Claims
- Insolvency Issues
- Construction Disputes
- Professional Negligence
- Commercial Contracts
- Shareholder/Partnership Disputes
- Real Estate
- Intellectual Property
- Financial Services

“Colin has a superb temperament, always striking the right balance between practicality and empathy.”

Chambers Guide

“Colin has gravitas, his experience is palpable, and he takes no nonsense.”

Legal 500 Guide

## Colin David Russ Commercial Mediator

Colin is known for being one of the most technology-embracing mediators in the UK. He launched CDR Remote at the start of the COVID pandemic and this continues to be a popular option alongside in-person mediations.

This pioneering service enabled Colin to deliver effective mediation remotely using a secure video conferencing platform. Proving to be hugely popular with both law firms and their clients, even after in-person mediators were allowed again, Colin continues to run many of his mediations online each year.

Colin's ability to embrace technology doesn't just stop at online mediations, he also has his availability calendar in real-time on his website. This enables clients to check if Colin is available and send a booking request via the website. Colin is also completely transparent about his fees - clearly listing his rates on his website and CV. Even though Colin has offered these additional services for many years, and they work well for both Colin and his clients, he remains one of only a small handful of mediators to do so.

Highly focused on the quality of the mediation process and to ensure the mediation has the maximum chance of success, Colin guarantees not to accept another mediation appointment the day before or day after an existing mediation commitment. This ring-fenced approach to bookings ensures full preparation ahead of the mediation and allows time to be available the next day, should the mediation overrun.

Please see overleaf for Colin's mediation fees.

**"Colin is an exceptional mediator, arguably the best."**

Chambers Guide

**"Colin is one of the most technology embracing mediators in the UK."**

Legal 500 Guide

## Mediation Fees

Colin Russ is a top ranked mediator in both Chambers and Legal 500 Guides for 2025. If you would like to consider Colin Russ for your upcoming mediation, please see below for details of his current fees and terms of business.

<b>2-Party Mediation (two separately represented parties)</b>	<b>£2,150 per party</b>
<p><b>The fee includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre and post-mediation contact (and liaising between all parties as necessary)</li> <li>• Preparing the draft mediation agreement for approval</li> <li>• Up to five hours preparation/reading time</li> <li>• The mediation day (up to eight hours)</li> <li>• Travelling time to and from the mediation venue</li> </ul> <p>Any agreed additional preparation time and/or time on the mediation day  <b>£215 p/hr per party</b></p>	
<b>Half Day Mediation (two separately represented parties)</b>	<b>£1,500 per party</b>
<p><b>The fee includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre and post-mediation contact (and liaising between all parties as necessary)</li> <li>• Preparing the draft mediation agreement for approval</li> <li>• Up to three hours preparation/reading time</li> <li>• The mediation half day (up to four hours)</li> <li>• Travelling time to and from the mediation venue</li> </ul> <p>Any agreed additional preparation time and/or time on the mediation day  <b>£215 p/hr per party</b></p>	
<b>3-Party Mediation (three separately represented parties)</b>	<b>£1,850 per party</b>
<p><b>The fee includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre and post-mediation contact (and liaising between all parties as necessary)</li> <li>• Preparing the draft mediation agreement for approval</li> <li>• Up to six hours preparation/reading time</li> <li>• The mediation day (up to eight hours)</li> <li>• Travelling time to and from the mediation venue</li> </ul> <p>Any agreed additional preparation time and/or time on the mediation day  <b>£150 p/hr per party</b></p>	
<b>4-Party Mediation (four separately represented parties)</b>	<b>£1,700 per party</b>
<p><b>The fee includes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre and post-mediation contact (and liaising between all parties as necessary)</li> <li>• Preparing the draft mediation agreement for approval</li> <li>• Up to seven hours preparation/reading time</li> <li>• The mediation day (up to eight hours)</li> <li>• Travelling time to and from the mediation venue</li> </ul> <p>Any agreed additional preparation time and/or time on the mediation day  <b>£125 p/hr per party</b></p>	

“Colin is the doyen of mediation. He’s superb at getting the parties to the nub of the dispute quickly.”

Chambers Guide

“Colin’s personal approach, combined with excellent technical legal skill, makes for a persuasive and effective mediator.”

Legal 500 Guide

“I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, the administration has been first class.”

Lawyer Client

### Additional Charges

- Travel expenses and disbursements
- VAT at the standard rate will be added to all fees and disbursements