

# BRICK COURT

## CHAMBERS

### **Examples of John Sturrock QC's recent mediations**

- Very large transport infrastructure contract in Middle East involving multiple jurisdictions. Two days of tough negotiations. Matter resolved in mediation, value in the hundreds of millions
- Dispute involving years of distribution of major components in Asia, with large UK plc and European contractor. Intractable matter resolved in one day
- Investor/shareholder matter involving iconic industry leader and public financing, complex matter with multiple interests, agreement reached over a number of separate days of mediation
- Dispute over IPR and effectiveness of patented products in relation to unique engineering facility in UK, resolved in one day
- Major construction project in Northern Ireland with cross-border implications, settled in two days
- Complex planning matter involving housebuilding, farming and higher education interests and with multiple parties, mediated over several sessions
- A number of sporting disputes involving governing bodies, officials, athletes and others
- Banking matter with business customer based in Europe claiming wrongful payment from accounts held by UK bank, resolved in one day
- Several mediations involving claims by commercial customers against banks arising out of banking crisis and recession
- A number of claims by senior employees in managerial positions alleging discrimination by higher education institution
- Complex, major PFI construction project in Ireland involving private and public sectors, with a value of many millions, resolved in one day
- A construction dispute involving a major contractor and an overseas-based large design consultancy firm. Value of £32 million, with complicated contractual and factual issues in dispute. Settled in one day.
- Distribution software contract involving Middle East interests and leading UK corporate, mediated over two days

- IP dispute involving technology for mobile phones, with issues about warranties and earn-outs, involving inventors and purchasers of IPR. Resolved after day of mediation.
- Contract for provision of new software technology for large public sector body, high profile matter, dispute with developer of technology, resolved in one day
- Large higher education institution with special geographic, economic and academic issues, internal conflict and government involvement, and series of mediated interventions to achieve successful outcomes
- Strategic support and negotiation input to significant policy area with national implications, leading to wholly innovative approach to delivery of key services
- Retail stores in contractual dispute over purchase contract and pre-emption rights. Complicated contractual, financial and factual matrix with polarisation of parties and issues. Court actions pending. Resolved in two separate mediation days
- Investor/start-up conflict involving public and private sector funders of potentially high value project, with breakdown in business and personal relationships and potential loss of all value. Successful buy out of investors achieved after several mediated meetings over a period of time
- Long-running dispute about employment and health insurance rights under a policy of insurance between employer and insurer; employee rendered long term unfit to work; costly court cases pending, resolved in one day
- Public sector body with national reach, in dispute with trade union, with national consequences. Protracted dispute ended as a result of several days of intensive mediation and negotiation
- Several days of facilitation of claims arising out of infrastructure project worth £100 millions, helping to build context for financial negotiations in a complex legal, commercial and political environment
- Iconic and internationally significant construction project, with multi-million pound value. Several days of facilitation and mediation involving employer and main contractor, with complex personal, institutional and contractual issues. Involvement ensured progress of project and new contractual and professional relationships and avoidance of destructive and costly litigation/arbitration.
- Unique personal injury and employment claim in oil and gas sector with complex and sensitive legal and factual issues and knock-on consequences. Concluded in one day.
- Numerous claims arising in insolvency, often in complex situations, involving liquidators, administrators and others.
- Numerous professional indemnity claims arising out of allegations of professional negligence in variety of professions.