

Cressida Burnet – Family Mediation Profile

Summary

A specialist independent family mediator. Cressida specialises in mediating high net worth financial cases as well as being very experienced in assisting with arrangements for children when their parents have separated.

Cressida's background is as a family law Barrister and has business experience from her position on the board for the last 10 years of a central London commercial property company.

Cressida brings a range of skills to the mediation process drawn from her strong legal background and business experience. Clients value her clarity in explaining complex legal principles and her skill in assisting clients to identify key issues in their dispute that is invaluable when determining viable proposals for their future.

Cressida is married and has three children.

Expertise

Cressida focuses on ensuring that clients are able to make informed decisions that are realistic and taking into account the practical and emotional needs of the whole family.

She has helped parties who are looking to agree proposals in relation to arrangements for their children on separation. Further, Cressida is very experienced in assisting clients with financial arrangements on divorce and often involves professionals who can help clients to come to decisions.

Cressida mediates all areas within 'family dispute' including finances on separation/divorce, arrangements for children, grandparent applications, variation orders on maintenance/contact, education and holiday arrangements. She also works with co-habitees in terms of the arrangements when the relationship breaks down (including arrangements for children) as well structuring financial arrangements for co-habitees for the future.

She works with international clients, especially ex-patriates and provides the hybrid model of mediation to assist parties who travel to the UK with a view to formalising an agreement under English

Jurisdiction. She is also trained to mediate child abduction cases and applications to re-locate both nationally and internationally.

Cressida works with the following practices:

The Principal Mediator with Cressida Burnet Mediation
(www.cressidaburnet.co.uk)
A principal mediator with Mediating Futures
(www.mediatingfutures.com)

Training

Cressida read Law at degree level and then went on to practice at the Bar.

Cressida trained with Family Mediation Association in 2007. This training is recognised by the Family Mediation Council and the European Family Mediation Forum.

She is trained in Direct Child Consultation and is qualified to conduct Mediation Information and Assessment Meetings (MIAM's).

Cressida is also trained in mediating cases in child abduction and applications for relocation both nationally and internationally.

Cressida is PPC (Practice Professional Consultant) for other mediators.

Cressida is a principal trainer in mediation for the Bar Council and ADRg.

Approach:

Cressida is understanding of the impact of divorce and separation has on the parties and the wider family and appreciates the benefit of ensuring that clients have the necessary support to enable them to come to decisions about their future and in re-adjusting to their new situation.

She appreciates the necessity to manage client's expectations whilst providing a clear structure for clients.

Cressida's calm manner and level of organisation combined with empathy enables clients to move through the process with a clear view of their goals.

Her preferred method of mediating is face-to-face meetings with a co-mediator model but she is committed to offering a bespoke service to clients and will conduct some meetings by Skype. Further if clients are travelling from overseas or from other areas of the UK she is able to offer half day or one day meetings.

Membership of Professional Organisations

Cressida is a Member of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple
A Member of the Bar Council.
ADRg
FMA (Family Mediators Association)
Affiliate Member of Resolution (www.resolution.org.uk)

Accountability to mediation standards and ethics

Cressida is governed by the Professional guidelines of the Family Mediation Council and ADRg.

It is part of Cressida's professional requirements by her member bodies that she keeps up to date with her Continual Professional Development to ensure that she is aware of any developments in practice, to be properly insured and have an adequate complaints procedure.

Other

Cressida is registered as a data Controller with the Information Commissioners office (ICO).

Her current certificate of Professional Liability Insurance is available upon request.