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<b>CEDR Panel:</b>	2024
<b>Languages:</b>	English
<b>Location:</b>	United Kingdom

## Muiris Lyons

*“an excellent mediator”* **Former chair, International Mediation Institute (IMI)**

*“a leading light in the clinical negligence field”* **The Legal 500**

*“delightful to deal with, respected by claimants and defendants alike.”*  
**Chambers and Partners**

### Overview

Muiris is a solicitor and CEDR-accredited mediator with over 30 years' experience specialising in the fields of clinical negligence and personal injury. He is a member of the CEDR NHS Resolution Panel.

A former senior partner at leading City firm Stewarts, he now practises full-time through his own consultancy practice. As a mediator, he is able to bring deep subject matter expertise and a collaborative, pragmatic style to a wide range of disputes.

Muiris has been involved in mediation for over two decades, initially as a party representative and now as a mediator in his own right. He is a Registered Mediator with the Civil Mediation Council and a member of both the Association of Northern Mediators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb). In 2023, he joined the Sport Resolutions Panel of specialist mediators and now undertakes work across commercial, clinical and sporting sectors. He is also a member of the Mediation Hub MENA in the United Arab Emirates.



## Professional Background

Muiris qualified as a solicitor in 1991 and spent over 15 years as a partner at Stewarts in London, where he led both the Clinical Negligence and Sports Disputes teams. He was widely regarded as one of the UK's leading claimant lawyers in maximum severity clinical negligence cases, with expertise in spinal injury, brain injury, birth injury, and fatal claims.

He retired from the partnership in 2023 to focus on mediation and advisory work. At that point the Department was recognised as one of the UK's leading practices by Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 and ranked in the top three of The Times Best Law Firms. Muiris was recognised to be an "eminent practitioner" by Chambers and Partners and was ranked by The Legal 500 in their "Hall of Fame".

## Expertise

- Clinical Negligence
- Commercial
- NHS Resolution scheme
- Personal injury
- Product liability
- Professional negligence
- Public and administrative law
- Property
- Sports Law
- Tort

## Dispute Experience

### Clinical Negligence

Muiris has had responsibility for over 300 catastrophic injury or fatal clinical negligence claims over the past 15 years. In addition, he has over the last 30 years personally handled a broad range of clinical negligence claims ranging in value from the most modest to double digit millions.

Muiris has expertise and experience in the following:

- Birth injury (including cerebral palsy and erbs palsy)
- Brain injury (asphyxia; tumors)
- Cancers (failure and delay in diagnosis)
- Cauda equina syndrome
- Child brain injury
- Delay in diagnosis (failure to diagnose; delay in diagnosis; misdiagnosis)
- Death arising from clinical negligence (fatal claims)
- Meningitis
- Mental health claims

- Orthopaedic (amputations; missed fractures)
- Sepsis
- Spinal injury (cervical, thoracic and lumbar spine)
- Spinal abscess and infection
- Sports injuries (failure to diagnose and treat professional sports athletes)
- Stroke negligence (delay and misdiagnosis)

Having been appointed to the NHS Resolution panel scheme in 2024 Muiris has now mediated a number of cases under the scheme. In addition, Muiris was recently involved in the following mediations:

#### **H v Hospital Trust:**

Claimant suffered a catastrophic injury following routine neck surgery, resulting in incomplete tetraplegia. The surgery involved complex issues of consent and postoperative care, including unexplained blood pressure drops and a change in surgical approach without proper patient consent. The case was mediated prior to trial and settled for a £300,000 lump sum along with annual payments of £80,000 for AH's lifetime care needs.

#### **M v NHST:**

Claimant, an NHS nurse, experienced a negligent delay in diagnosing cervical cancer, which became incurable by the time of detection. Multiple breaches of duty were identified, including failures in interpreting biopsy results and delays in surgical intervention. The case settled at mediation for £1.2 million.

#### **M v NHST**

M received a settlement of £4.3m following an online mediation. The claim arose from a delay in treating a cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST), which caused raised intracranial pressure resulting in blindness. Liability was denied but the case settled following mediation

## **Personal Injury**

Muiris has since qualifying as a solicitor run a broad mix of personal injury and clinical negligence cases and has experience of road traffic, employer liability, occupiers' liability and sports injury claims. He acted for several unions in relation to member claims over the years in addition to being President of APIL and the General Editor of the Journal of Personal Injury Law.

- Road Traffic (resulting in injuries to the brain and spine and fatal injuries)
- Occupiers Liability (swimming and diving; school safety; home and office injuries)
- Employers Liability (Trade Union workplace claims and industrial injuries)
- Product liability (pharmacological and medical product liability; engineering and auto cases)
- Sports injuries (negligent and reckless sporting injuries)

## Medical Law

Cases handled by Muiris include the Natalie Evans “frozen embryo” litigation which went from the High Court through the House of Lords to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, a number of “right to life” and ‘right to die” cases in the High Court and Court of Appeal including urgent injunctions and conflicts of interest cases.

- Right to life
- Right to die
- Treatment pathways and choices
- Patient autonomy
- Conflicts of interests
- Best interests

## Sports Law

Muiris has been involved in a number of high-profile sports disputes claims including career ending injury claims in professional football, rugby and boxing as well as advising in relation to a number of contractual and commercial disputes. Muiris is a member of the Sport Resolution mediation panel and has also been appointed to their Pro Bono Panel.

Muiris is member of the FA’s Judicial Panel. He holds a Global Master in International Sports Law from ISDE, Madrid. He is an FA and FIFA licensed football agent permitted to work with minors and with an enhanced DBS certificate.

- Contractual disputes
- Commercial disputes
- Agency disputes
- Disciplinary and regulatory

## Other areas

Muiris is very familiar with professional negligence disputes and has been involved in mediations involving surveyors and house builders as well as boundary disputes.

- Contractual and commercial disputes
- Professional negligence
- Property disputes

## Personal Style & Feedback

Muiris is known for his calm, engaging style, deep legal insight, and strong grasp of both the factual and emotional dimensions of dispute resolution. Feedback describes him as “approachable yet professional”, “a

force to be reckoned with”, and “at the top of his game”. His ability to put parties at ease while moving matters forward makes him particularly effective in high-stakes and emotionally charged disputes.

Below is feedback from his most recent mediations:

- *“Muiris was very effective in communicating the mediation process and ensuring all parties understood the next steps. He kept the process calm and measured, allowing us to focus on the issues and reach resolution.”*
- *“Understood the issues in the case and worked really hard to try and facilitate resolution of the case.”*

## Other Alternative Dispute Resolution Experience

### Early Neutral Evaluation

Muiris is available to undertake early neutral evaluation of cases and (when requested by the parties) his significant legal experience and ability to give a sensible overview of the likely prospects to each party can prove invaluable.

He has recently been appointed to sit as a HMCTS Deputy District Judge and is also a member of the Football Association’s Judicial Panel undertaking the chairing of appeals in regulatory and disciplinary hearings.

### Training and Engagement

Muiris has given evidence to multiple Parliamentary Select Committees, worked with Ministry of Justice in relation to the Jackson reforms and other law reform issues and worked closely with NHS Resolution to revise the Clinical Disputes pre-action protocol and to develop a fixed costs scheme for lower value claims.

He lectures widely on clinical negligence, sports law and dispute resolution, and regularly contributes to professional publications.

## Professional Recognition

- Chambers UK: “Eminent Practitioner”
- Legal 500: “Hall of Fame” ranking
- Former President, Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL)
- Senior Fellow, APIL – awarded for “outstanding contribution”
- Former General Editor, Journal of Personal Injury Law (2006–2016)