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CEDR Panel	Pending
Languages:	English
Location:	United Kingdom

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Former chair, *International Mediation Institute (IMI)*

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The Legal 500

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Chamber and Partners

Muiris Lyons

Overview

Muiris is a solicitor specialising in clinical negligence and sports law and is an *ex officio* partner at City law firm Stewarts. Muiris became a CEDR accredited mediator in July 2023. His experience of mediation as a form of dispute resolution covers more than 20 years. He has been involved in a significant number of clinical negligence mediations on behalf of claimants while in practice and is now bringing that expertise and experience to his practice as a mediator.

Professional Background

Muiris has been a solicitor for over 30 years. He retired from full-time legal practice in October 2023 to focus on being a mediator. For the past 15 years he has been a partner at Stewarts in London where he was Head of Clinical Negligence and Sports Disputes.



The Department is recognised as one of the UK's leading practices by *Chambers and Partners* and *The Legal 500*. Stewarts are ranked in the top three of *The Times Best Law Firms 2023*.

Muiris is currently recognised as an “**eminent practitioner**” by *Chambers and Partners* and ranked by *The Legal 500* (2023) in their “**Hall of Fame**”.

Muiris is a former President of The Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and was on their Executive Committee for 10 years. He is one of only nine lawyers to be awarded their prestigious Senior Fellowship in recognition of his “**outstanding contribution**” campaigning for the rights of injured people.

He was the General Editor of the Journal of Personal Injury Law (JPIL) published by Sweet & Maxwell from 2006 to 2016 and was also a Contributing Editor to Kemp & Kemp on Quantum (2011-16) and Jones on Medical Negligence (2008).

Over the last 5 years Muiris has become increasingly involved in resolving sports disputes (particularly in relation to football) and was responsible for setting up and leading the Sports Disputes team at Stewarts. He has recently completed Professional Certificates in *Football Law* and *Sports Agency* and is also a fully licensed FIFA football agent.

Muiris is currently studying a Global Masters in International Sports Law at ISDE University in Madrid and will graduate in Spring 2025.

Muiris was recently appointed to Sports Resolutions UK Panel of specialist mediators for 3 years.

Muiris is accredited as a registered mediator with the Civil Mediation Council (CMC) and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCiArb). He is also a member of the Association of Northern Mediators (ANM).

Expertise

- **Clinical Negligence**
- **Personal Injury**
- **Medical Law**
- **Sports law**

Dispute Experience

Clinical Negligence

Muiris has had responsibility for over 300 catastrophic injury or fatal clinical negligence claims over the past 15 years. He is recognised for his work on brain and spinal cord injury claims, birth injury and fatal claims.

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)

Most recently Muiris was involved in the following mediations:

- H v Hospital Trust:

H, a renowned watercolour artist, 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:

M, 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.

- 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 via 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.

- Contractual disputes
- Commercial disputes
- Agency disputes

- Disciplinary and regulatory
- Doping violations
- Sports injuries

Muiris is also a licensed FIFA football agent.

Personal Style

Muiris has always been recognised for his collaborative approach and now brings that to his mediation practice. He is recognised for his relaxed and straightforward style and has been described as being *“approachable yet professional”*. Another leading commentator has described Muiris as *“noted for his exceptional charm, intelligence and unparalleled knowledge.”*

Feedback

- *Muiris is currently the highest ranked individual lawyer for claimant clinical negligence practice in Chambers & Partners where he is noted as the “eminent practitioner” and one of 8 claimant lawyers in the Legal 500’s “Hall of Fame”.*
- *A former chair of the International Mediation Institute (IMI) has described Muiris as “an excellent mediator”.*
- *Other feedback includes:*
- *“He is an individual in whom peers have “absolute faith,” and to whom they would be “happy to refer” cases on which they are unable to act. He enjoys a reputation as one of the most “impressive and knowledgeable” practitioners in the field, while his workload encompasses catastrophic spinal cord, birth and brain injuries.”*
- *Notable practitioner considered to be ‘a force to be reckoned with’.*
- *Is ‘very impressive’ and ‘tends to think outside the box’.*
- *Is highly respected as a “leader in clinical negligence work.”*
- *He ‘commands respect amongst all his peers’*
- *“Has particular expertise in birth-related injury cases.”*
- *Muiris Lyons maintains an enviable reputation in the clinical negligence market, handling the most complex brain and spinal injury claims, along with other matters.*
- *“He’s brilliant – incredibly experienced and multifaceted.”*
- *Muiris Lyons is recognised throughout the UK and abroad as one of the leading figures for maximum severity work.*
- *Muiris is held in high regard for his significant expertise in catastrophic spinal and birth injury claims, as well as fatal injury cases.*
- *“He is very commercially switched-on and ahead of the game”*
- *“Muiris Lyons is noted for his exceptional charm, intelligence and unparalleled knowledge of the industry.”*

- *Muiris Lyons is acknowledged for his expertise in issues of causation, duty of care and quantum in high-value brain and spine injury claims.*
- *"He has his finger on the pulse for trends and developments" and also possesses "knowledge that is second to none."*
- *"Muiris Lyons is one of the doyens of clinical negligence"*
- *"He is delightful to deal with, respected by claimants and defendants alike. He's modest with it."*
- *Muiris Lyons is particularly active in catastrophic spinal injury cases involving delays in diagnosis, as well as sepsis-related claims. He also advises on brain and birth injury claims, with further experience of matters surrounding informed consent.*
- *"He is fantastic and at the top of his game."*
- *"Muiris Lyons is one of the bigger names in the field."*

Professional Skills

- CEDR Accredited Mediator
- Civil Mediation Council (CMC) Registered Mediator
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb)
- Certificate in Football Law
- LL.M with Distinction in Advanced Litigation
- LL.B (Hons)

Training and Lecturing Experience

Muiris is one of the UK's pre-eminent experts in personal injury law, with 10 years' experience of editing and contributing to the leading academic publications in this field as well as being President of his professional association. He has given evidence to several Parliamentary Select Committees and spoken at a number of events in Parliament. He has been a member of several Ministry of Justice working parties and worked closely with NHS Resolution and the Ministry of Justice on developing a streamlined system for lower value clinical negligence claims and the revised version of the Clinical Disputes protocol. He has lectured extensively on personal injury, clinical negligence and medical law and has appeared widely on television, radio and in other media.