



<b>CEDR Accreditation:</b>	2003
<b>CEDR Panel</b>	2004
<b>Languages:</b>	English
<b>Location:</b>	United Kingdom

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Client Feedback

## Andrew Lancaster

### Overview

Andrew Lancaster has conducted multiple mediations in the private, public and voluntary sectors in recent years. A construction and public procurement law specialist, Andrew has extensive dispute resolution experience in relation to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Procurement Act 2023, and in respect of all major construction contracts and forms of appointment including JCT, NEC, and PPC 2000. He has considerable experience in the Housing, Local Government and Health and Social Care Sectors. More recently he has been involved in mediating substantial PFI disputes for Local Authorities, particularly in the waste management sector. He also has experience in resolving general commercial disputes of all shapes and sizes.

### Professional Background

Andrew is the lead Partner for construction and public procurement disputes at the national law firm, Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP. He deals with disputes and investigatory work with wide experience of handling heavyweight commercial sector disputes. His particular expertise is in the public and social housing sectors and he regularly conducts high profile investigation work for public bodies, Registered Providers of Social Housing and commercial organisations.

## Expertise

- Commercial Contracts
- Construction & Engineering
- Employment & Workplace
- ICT
- Neighbourhood
- Partnership & Shareholder
- Professional Negligence
- Property
- Public sector
- Reputation Management

## Dispute Experience

*(Non-Neutral work in italics)*

### Commercial Contracts

- Claims of all shapes and sizes within a number of different sectors.
- Dispute between the purchaser of a high value motor vehicle and car dealer over the quality of the vehicle.

### Construction & Engineering

- Representing parties in significant valuation disputes and other construction related issues operating in various sectors.
- Contractual disputes between Local Authorities and their contractors in connection with substantial developments.
- Disputes between a professional services partnership in the construction sector and two former employees who have set up a competing business.

### Employment & Workplace

- Disputes between Employers and Employees involving bonus entitlement and disciplinary/grievance issues
- Dispute between main contractor and former senior employee over an agreement to make profit related payments under a bonus agreement.

## **ICT – Information, Communication & Technology:**

Disputes between IT Consultants and their customers.

## **Neighbourhood:**

Claims between Housing Associations and their tenants.

## **Partnership & Shareholder:**

- Disputes involving professional practices and private companies.
- Boardroom disputes with several Housing Associations.

## **Professional Negligence:**

Claims between solicitors, accountants and construction professionals and their clients, particularly within the public sector.

## **Property:**

Claims relating to repairing obligations.

## **Public Sector:**

- Involving Government Departments and Commercial Parties.
- Disputes between LIFT Co's and Local Authorities.
- PFI disputes in the waste management and education sectors
- Disputes between Local Authorities and statutory bodies
- Planning disputes

## **Reputation Management:**

Dispute involving publication of alleged defamatory material.

## **Personal Style**

Andrew's success rate as a mediator is excellent. His style is informal and he applies creative ideas to his management of the process. He seeks at an early stage to build good relationships with the parties; he is also able to demonstrate detailed knowledge and understanding of the issues that are in dispute. Although Andrew's approach is informal, he will readily test positions in private sessions and encourage a detailed consideration of the issues and an appropriate cost/risk analysis, in order to assist the parties in moving towards settlement. He is also keen to keep the parties talking to each other as much as possible throughout the process.

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- *“Andrew was superb; I liked his style. He knew when to apply a little push and when to back off. He is a very professional and obviously very experienced person.”*
- *“May I say how much I appreciated your very calm manner and total professionalism throughout the whole process.”*
- *“Andrew’s manner was very good and he had a good rapport with the parties.”*
- *“He was helpful and supportive, and carried authority when talking directly to the parties.”*
- *“Andrew has a natural and relaxed approach with which the parties seemed comfortable.”*
- *“He was very polite and astute. He contributed effectively and significantly to the process.”*
- *“He was firm when he needed to be but in a polite way.”*

## Professional Skills

- Member of the Society of Construction Law
- Former President of the Birmingham Law Society
- Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council

