

Nimish Patel

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Admitted as a Solicitor England and Wales

**CMC Accredited Civil/Commercial and Workplace
Mediator**



Mediation Qualifications

1. Nimish became an accredited Civil/Commercial Mediator in 2017 and Workplace Mediator in 2020.
2. He has been involved in mediations and mediation training since 2018.

Professional Experience

3. Nimish gained a degree in Law (LLB) at University of Wales, College of Cardiff and followed this with a Diploma in Personal Injury in Manchester.
4. Nimish has been a personal injury litigator for over twenty years, specialising in Industrial disease and clinical negligence claims.
5. He was appointed Head of Lancashire NUM claims for the British Respiratory Disease Claims Scheme in 2001 and was made a Partner at Delta Legal in 2007. He was also appointed as an Associate Director at a Legal 500 firm, Roberts Jackson in 2017.
6. Nimish lectured Professional Skill Courses on Industrial Disease claims and Clinical Negligence claims as well as several personal injury related courses for BPP from 2009 to 2021.
7. He has been successful in the Court of Appeal in the leading case, Aktas v Adepta (2010) EWCA 1170, which clarified the legal position in relation to limitation where claims were being reissued.
8. Whilst at Delta Legal, he managed and co-ordinated a high-profile group action for respiratory orders relating to mould and carbon monoxide poisoning in a new housing estate for 70 adults and children. This action required numerous multi-party discussions over three years and involved complex negotiations which eventually settled for £1,000,000 costs inclusive.
9. In 2017, he was part of a team who ran a multiple disease group action for 50 Claimants worked at an aluminium shelter in the North East and achieved a

settlement of £1 million through negotiation and organised for the costs to be dealt by mediation.

10. Nimish was shortlisted for a Manchester Legal Award in 2013 and is a Finalist for Clinical Negligence Lawyer of the Year at the Claims Media Awards in 2023 having previously been a Finalist in 2021. He has also been listed as “recommended” within the Legal 500.

Mediation

11. Nimish has an analytical style which helps him identify the key issues and salient points in cases quickly, to focus on solutions and determine how best to progress each case.
12. As well as managing a high value case load, Nimish has run a number of group actions, which involved communicating with a wide range of clients from all walks of life. Group litigation work requires a keen eye for detail and an analytical and sensible approach to the issues, whilst having regard to the costs and complexities involved. This work ensured that Nimish is perfectly placed to assist parties with Mediation.
13. Outside of the legal profession, Nimish has also trained as a Level 2 RFU coach and helps to develop young rugby players at Sale Sharks Under 14 and Under 15 Developing Players Pathway. He has also qualified as a Level 2 Referee and has been appointed to officiate matches by the Manchester and District Referee Society. Both positions require a calm and patient demeanour whilst maintaining a position of authority and following a flexible structure.

Current Position

14. Litigation brings with it many risks and Nimish actively encourages parties to embrace mediation, which can be extremely beneficial and productive. There are many reasons why mediation can help; for example, some parties are searching for an answer or an explanation in relation to the dispute, others for a solution to a problem whilst others may have agreed to come to the table to limit the costs of litigation.
15. Nimish has a friendly, down to earth approach that puts the parties at ease and his extensive experience with litigation enables him to work with parties towards an acceptable compromise for all concerned.
16. Nimish is known for his ability to step outside a case and consider it from every angle to ensure the best possible conclusion is reached. In a successful mediation, the aim is for everyone to leave knowing that progress has been made, the issues between the parties have been narrowed and, in most cases, a satisfactory agreement has been reached.

Nimish's Rating

I attended a mediation which took place over a period of two days with Nimish.

One of the main things that I took with me from this observation was the level of patience, calm and understanding that is required to be able to draw out the issues that have brought them to mediation.

It struck me how emotional and stressful this could be for both sides and the need to have an ability to empathise but at the same time keep the parties focused on moving forward to achieve a positive resolution.

I am grateful that Nim allowed me to observe him on those two days. I learnt a lot from him. What struck me most was his calm and relaxed manner, how both parties relaxed and opened up to him after having spoken to them individually. It was ability to understand them, empathise but then push forward to achieve a positive outcome.

Krystyna Doroszkiewicz, Solicitor and Mediator

Nimish has been instructing me for about 10 years and we immediately formed a good working relationship. He is an excellent solicitor and it has been my firm impression that he always has the client's best interests at heart when dealing with a case. He is empathetic and very easy to deal with over the telephone as he is well organised and always has the information required for a discussion readily at his fingertips.

Obviously, it is difficult for me to tell, but his cases seem to turn round quickly, and certainly more quickly than some other solicitors I have worked with. My only detailed knowledge of the Law is in relation to Part 35 of the Civil Procedure Rules and Nimish always works within this. His quiet and friendly but assertive manner should help him admirably as a Mediator.

Frank Cross MS FRCS, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, London

I have been instructed by Nimish on several gynaecological cases over the years and have always found him professional, efficient and fair with a keen eye to detail, qualities which I am sure are important for mediation. The fact that he is an experienced solicitor makes him even better qualified to be a highly successful and effective mediator.

Adam Magos, Consultant Gynaecologist, London

I have acted as an expert witness with Nimish on a variety of cases over several years and he is always a delight to work with. He has an extremely calm and measured approach and a friendly manner. His analytical but balanced approach means he is quick to see areas of common ground as well as the weaknesses of evidence and opinions that may be present. He is extremely adept at assessing the value and strengths of different arguments based on the facts and evidence. At all times he is non-confrontational but efficient and I'm sure he would be excellent in mediation."

Professor Gerald Stansby, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, Newcastle

I am a GP Clinical Negligence advisor, with more than 25 years' experience. I have worked with Nimish Patel for at least 7 years and have formed the impression that he is meticulous in his approach to his work, with a sensible, realistic and empathetic approach.

Whilst always trying his best for his client, he is not afraid to give his view, even if it may be unpopular, because his experience has shown him that the best interests of the client are often served by settlement.

For this reason I am sure Nimish will be an excellent mediator, having a balanced and thorough approach to the issue at hand. His experience will enable him to predict obstacles and find ways of overcoming them.

I have no hesitation in recommending Nimish to prospective clients.

Dr Jonathan Lieberman, GP Clinical Negligence Advisor, Manchester

I have worked with Nimish for several years. I can wholeheartedly endorse his efficient, practical manner, he has a no-nonsense approach which is usually delivered with a smile, and he has a keen eye of detail. Nimish understands the complexities of the issues before him and in terms of mediation, no doubt he will show his empathic skills whilst outlining the relevant legal principals in an easy-to-understand manner for each party.

Amrit Singh Atwal, Barrister, Leeds

I have worked with Nimish on a number of complex cases. I have always found him easy to work with but at the same time insightful and adept at identifying the key problems that need addressing. He always works hard to achieve the best outcome.

Dr S.C.Stenton, Respiratory Consultant, Newcastle

I have worked alongside Nimish for a few years. He has always demonstrated a calm and relaxed manner, and an ability to cut to the heart of a problem immediately and to then come up with a sensible, pragmatic and workable solution. He is extremely fair and balanced, a quality which I think is integral to being a good mediator. His excellent communication skills will, I have no doubt, lead to him being extremely valued and successful in this area of work.

David Dunne, Senior Solicitor, Manchester