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Stephen Fielding is an experienced inheritance / probate mediator. He has mediated over 175 disputes, the vast majority of them resulting in a settlement. These cases include disputes involving inheritance, family provision, incapacity and undue influence claims. Most have had a high degree of emotion; many have been financially complex.

Stephen is an expert in keeping lines of communication open, is not afraid of emotion and is financially literate; skills that ensure that settlements are reached

The range banking and financial services disputes which Stephen has mediated includes:

- High-end commercial lending disputes,
- Mortgage related cases,
- Investment management disputes,
- FX trading disputes,
- Insurance and pension cases.

He has mediated a number of CCA disputes and is the author of *Consumer Credit Agreements – a working handbook to Truth in Lending.*

He has a background as a banking and financial services lawyer, advising banks and building societies. From 1986 he was a senior executive in banking organisations – heading up Midland Bank's mortgage operation in the late 1980's; Head of Financial Services at private bankers Coutts & Co, a partner and divisional head responsible for high end commercial and personal borrowing.

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Alternative Dispute Resolution

Selected Cases

A dependent daughter against late father's estate left entirely to second wife; value £150k.

A brother against sister for pictures and other assets; claim £1m.

An estranged husband against a late wife's estate for maintenance and pension provision.

The alleged destruction of a will and resistance to intestacy.

A first wife against a second wife for pension payments due to her but never implemented; value £100k.

A niece alleging invalidity of later will under which her share was substantially diminished; estate value £4m; claim £850k.

A claim against a charity for reasonable provision.

A claim by a widow in possession of the matrimonial home for reasonable provision in face of husband's leaving of his share in the matrimonial home to his daughter by his first wife; value £300k.

A daughter of deceased given life interest in deceased's house - issue of valuation of life interest being given up so as to enable distribution of proceeds of sale to other siblings.

Qualifications

- City of London School
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Professional associations

- Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council
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