



MARK WHITTELL

Partner and head of commercial litigation and dispute resolution at Cobbetts LLP, Manchester

Professional background

Current:

- Commercial litigation partner and head of the commercial litigation and dispute resolution team at national commercial law firm, Cobbetts LLP, based in Manchester.
- An experienced commercial litigator who specialises in partnership disputes, banking and insolvency matters, commercial disputes and professional negligence.

Previous:

- 1977-1979: Management trainee/buying auditor, Pirelli
- 1980-1982: Articled clerk, J & W H Sale & Co, Derby
- 1982-1984: Assistant solicitor, Glass Bagshawe Miller & Co, Sheffield
- 1984-1986: Assistant solicitor, G W Towell & Co, Wakefield/Barnsley
- 1986 to date: Partner at Cobbetts and now practice area head for dispute resolution services.

ADR/Mediation experience

Accredited by CEDR in 2000. Mark is also an ADR panel mediator. Not only has Mark conducted mediations in a wide range of areas, he has also been lead negotiator on numerous occasions for his own clients and, therefore, fully appreciates the needs of the parties. He describes mediation as a major tool in his armory to settle his own cases. He practices what he preaches. His areas of expertise include

- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Breach of contract claims/commercial disputes
- Insolvency litigation
- Franchise disputes
- Professional negligence claims

Other information

Mark is described in the 2006 edition of Chambers as "dynamic and moves a case forward. He's a lateral thinker".

Mark has more than 25 years' experience as a litigator and acts for a number of regional, national and multi-national companies. He has a wide experience not only of the law, but also of the commercial realities that companies face concerning the impact of litigation.