


Steven Fennell

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Appointments

- Accredited Mediator

Memberships

- Insolvency Lawyers
- Association R3

Education

- University of Bristol (LLB)
- Merton College, Oxford (BCL)
- Accredited Mediator (CEDR)

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Steven specialises in commercial, financial and insolvency litigation and professional negligence and regulatory matters for the legal and accountancy professions.

Steven qualified as a solicitor in 1996, as an insolvency practitioner in 1999, and a solicitor advocate in 2013, before transferring to the Bar in 2014. He became a CEDR-accredited mediator in 2012.

Steven is happy to accept instructions to act as a mediator in relation to insolvency, commercial or professional negligence disputes. His ability to see both sides of an issue has proven invaluable when building his alternative dispute resolution practice. Steven's calm and pragmatic approach helps to cut through the complexities of an issue to enable the parties to focus on the issues which really matter and to explore possibilities for settlement. Steven's style involves building a good rapport with the legal advisors on both sides, recognising that solicitors and counsel for one of the parties will look to the mediator to help them to help their client.

Steven has experience of remote mediation post-Covid 19, as a mediator and as an advocate. He takes the approach that remote mediation can have a very different dynamic from a traditional in-person mediation and tries to find practical ways to make that changed dynamic work in favour of all participants.

Recommendations

“Steven has significant experience of insolvency law and an appreciation of the client’s position.”

“Steven really knows his stuff and brings admirable tactical clarity when advising on case progression.”

Chambers and Partners, 2024

“Steven’s advocacy is always clear, concise and noticeably appreciated by the presiding judge and instructing solicitor.”

The Legal 500, 2024

Ranked Band 3 for Restructuring/ Insolvency

Chambers and Partners, 2023

“He is clear on all the details and has an excellent grasp of the technical aspects of the matter at hand. A polished performer in court.”

The Legal 500, 2023

“Steven has a real understanding of the practical aspects of insolvency work, and he has the ability to make complex technical insolvency issues understandable.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“His background as a solicitor means he is able to understand our aims and goals when dealing with insolvency litigation which often has a number of stakeholders, and he knows how to build up an excellent rapport with our insolvency practitioner clients.”

The Legal 500, 2021

“Provides excellent service on urgent and difficult instructions.”

The Legal 500, 2020

“He has a calm and measured court demeanour.”

The Legal 500, 2018/19

“He has a wealth of technical insolvency knowledge.”

The Legal 500, 2017

Beyond the Bar

Steven is a keen supporter of the arts with a particular interest in the Theatre, Opera, Photography and Music – where enthusiasm partly compensates for lack of natural talent. He is also a keen cook.

