

Paul Joseph

Year of Call: 2005

Solicitor: 1992

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ADR/NCDR

Paul Joseph is a CEDR accredited mediator and is happy to accept instructions to act as mediator in any costs or commercial dispute.

He takes a pragmatic approach to mediations and recognizes that parties may not be able to settle a dispute on the day of the mediation itself.

Recommendations

Paul Joseph is a commercial practitioner who has a notable focus on the costs field. He has considerable experience of issues relating to pre-action protocols and the fixed-costs regime, and also handles appeals and detailed assessments. He regularly appears in cases in the SCCO and the Court of Appeal.

Strengths: "Meticulous in his preparation, very measured in his advocacy style and always calm, he knows costs very well."

"Paul Joseph is a very good technician who knows a lot about costs."

Chambers UK 2025/ Costs Litigation/ Midlands

"Paul Joseph is very capable and reliable. He is always on top of the detail and a good advocate." **Chambers UK 2024/**Costs Litigation/All Circuits

'Paul is an experienced costs barrister who is audacious on his feet.'

Legal 500 2025/Costs/Midlands - Ranked Tier 1

'Paul is a very confident and knowledgeable barrister who gives an honest outlook on the matter with a very quick turnaround on drafting and advice.' **Legal 500 2024/**Costs/Midlands

"Paul Joseph is very experienced, always on top of the detail and well prepared." **Chambers UK 2023/**Costs Litigation/All Circuits

"Paul is an exceptionally good advocate and has a great ability to cut through the fog and quickly identify the important issues in a case. He gives good advice, and his written work is always of a high standard." **Legal 500 2023/**Costs/Midlands

"A costs guru who revels in complicated cases." "He is always happy to pick up the phone and give you some helpful advice." **Chambers UK 2022/**Costs Litigation/All Circuits

"In-depth knowledge of the practice area. Ability to give clear and concise straightforward opinions." **Legal 500 2022/**Costs/Midlands

"Paul is always very well prepared and knows a lot about the nuts and bolts of costs work." **Chambers UK 2021**/Costs Litigation/All Circuits

"A hugely experienced and wise costs barrister with strong technical knowledge." **Legal 500 2021**/Costs/Midlands

"Thorough and someone you can put a lot of confidence in. He goes beyond the call of duty in terms of dealing with each case." **Chambers UK 2020**/Costs Litigation/All Circuits

"He has a grasp of costs work that eludes most members of the Bar." **Legal 500 2020**/Costs/Midlands

"A barrister who understands the brief and fights like the case is his own. A commercial lawyer by background, Paul's client care skills are also highly developed. Good in conference and good in court. Highly recommended." **Chris Heitzman, Shakespeare Martineau**

Academic qualifications

- Law, BA and MA, Robinson College, Cambridge
- Solicitor Finals, Law School, Chester

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Deputy Costs Judge of the Senior Courts Costs Office
- Attorney General's Regional B Panel
- CEDR Accredited mediator
- Solicitor Advocate (Higher Courts – Civil) 2001 – 2005

Professional bodies

- Inner Temple

Direct Access

Paul Joseph is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.