

## **Mr Justice Michael Peart**

### **Brief career history:**

I retired as a judge on the Court of Appeal in late 2019.

Since early 2020, I have practised as an arbitrator and mediator.

Prior to appointment to the High Court Bench in 2002 I practised as a litigation solicitor for some 32 years, having qualified as a solicitor in December 1970.

I was the first practising solicitor to be appointed as a Judge of the High Court.

In October 2014 I was among the first 6 judges appointed to the Court of Appeal.

As a judge both in the High Court and in the Court of Appeal I heard cases involving many different areas of law, including many of a commercial nature.

During the course of my judicial career I wrote more than 500 judgments.

### **Arbitration work:**

Since I retired as a judge I have been appointed as an Arbitrator in 20 cases. Many of these cases involved claims of various kinds on foot of policies of insurance where the insurer has declined to pay on foot of a claim under the policy, such as business interruption claims due to the Covid pandemic, or flood damage to business premises.

Other cases have arisen from the break up of professional partnerships

In some of these cases I have been nominated by the President of the Law Society. In many others the parties themselves have agreed to my appointment.

Many of these cases have settled prior to a hearing taking place. In others I have given written reasoned decisions, much as I would be used to giving as a judge.

I currently am acting as arbitrator in 4 ongoing cases, which are not yet ready for a hearing date.

### **Seminars/webinars/conferences:**

Over the past few years I have been kindly invited on several occasions to chair and/or speak at arbitration events, such as events organised by the Society of Construction Law. I have also attended events at the Law Society organised by the ADR Committee.

**Mediation:**

In addition to my work as an arbitrator, I have acted as a mediator in over 50 cases over the past three/four years. These case have involved medical negligence claims, including catastrophic injury claims, business partnership break up disputes, family law, company shareholder disputes, employment disputes, inheritance disputes and claims, and legal costs disputes - to mention just a few.