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Your Ref:
My Ref: AW/LDR004174

Dear Mr Bhurji

Re: Mediation

I am grateful for your assistance on Monday for bringing this two-year long dispute to an end within four hours.

My client department had been pursuing a tenant of a commercial property over rent arrears since 2015, although we felt this was a straight forward contractual, landlord lease dispute, a counter claim was filed taking the value in dispute to, in excess of £50,000.00.

Equally this was taking up an immense amount of the authorities' time, as several departments had to be involved to gather evidence.

Having spent a significant amount of legal fees to date, the authority was keen to resolve this matter as quickly as possible without spending any more on legal costs, and avoid going to an expensive trial.

My client and I found you quickly understood the issues in dispute, bearing in mind you only had the mediation bundle shortly before you were due to mediate, which was extensive at some 300 plus pages.

We believe you managed the mediation process and the parties well, I would readily recommend you to other local authorities and lawyers.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of

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