



SUZANNAH AMANDA COTTERILL

LLB (Hons) BSc (Hons)

Suzannah.cotterill@fieldcourt.co.uk

suzie@cadoganmediation.com

07836 276425

I have over 30 years of experience in the legal world as barrister including a niche practice in equine law and mediation often relating to horses. Enabling effective participation has been central to my role along with robust testing of evidence. I am cognisant of the latest case law and also very familiar with the Civil Procedure Rules and the duties of an expert.

My Applied Animal Behaviour degree has provided me with unparalleled up-to-date equestrian science as a backdrop to comprehensive industry learning over 40 years. My varied equestrian roles have provided me with unique multi-faceted insights for both ethical and scientific equine welfare.

I am specifically bringing my skill sets together to assist the Court in providing equestrian expert reports. I am available for site visits, initial notes and shadow reports, together with valuations and welfare assessments. I accept instructions whether as a single or joint expert. Those instructing me can be assured that I am confident in Court and will withstand the most rigorous cross examination.

- 2024 **Sports Resolutions** Appointed Mediator (2024-2027)
Case Management Safeguarding Adults in Sport
University of New England: Applying the Five Domains Model to Sports
Horse Welfare - ongoing
British Eventing: Panel Member
British Equestrian Federation: Paris 2024 Olympics Selection Appeals
International Society for Equine Science: A Good Life for Horses
Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association: DNA in
Animal Investigations Veterinary Forensic Conference
- 2023 **Diploma Equine Psychology** -Distinction
British Eventing: Chair of Discipline Appeal Panel (Ad Hoc)
- 2022 **International Society for Equine Science:** Succeed with Science, Hartpury
Expert Witness: £19m damages with £1.9m Para equestrian claim: settled
Normanton Chambers: Door Tenant
- 2019 **Society of Mediators Training (Civil Mediation Council)**
Federation Equestre International: Steward Course Italy
- 2018 **Federation Equestre International:** Steward Course France
British Horse Society: Road Safety Lecturer
- 2014-17 **University of Portsmouth:** Applied Animal Behaviour BSc (Hons)
- 2012- **Field Court Chambers:** (Sabbatical 2023/24) Direct Access Qualified.
- 2012- **British Equestrian Federation Disciplinary & Appeal Panel/Chair**

Doping, Safeguarding & Selection Appeals

- 2012 **London 2012 (Paralympic dressage):** Field of Play.
- 2012-16 **Director British Eventing:** Sport Chair: *Delivering and updating Rules, Risk Assessments, Sport Development and multiple reporting sub committees. Implementing Safeguarding policy. Voluntary role. Developing compliance with Sport England criteria enabling successful funding post London 2012 medal legacy.*
- Bar Council: Access to the Bar Committee:** *part of a team developing, writing and delivering rules for Direct Access barristers and regulatory protection of the public reporting to the Bar Standards Board.*
- 2010- **Federation International Equestrian:** (FEI) Steward Level II – *equine and human athlete welfare and rule compliance.*
- 2008- **British Eventing (national) Steward:** *heading a team of 100 volunteers. Responsibility for safety, rules, equine and human athlete welfare.*
- 2005- **Director Cadogan Mediation Limited:** *founding Director. Heading an experienced team providing alternative dispute resolution.*
- 1999-2015 **Organiser Somerley Park International Horse Trials:** *responsible for organising the delivery of both National and International competitions.*
- 1990-2019 **Event Rider & Owner:** *competed nationally & internationally
Producer of multiple horses to Advanced level with several riders. Horse competed at London 2012 and World Equestrian Games 2014.*
- 1988- **Barrister Lincolns Inn (Trained Pupil Supervisor & Mentor)**
- 1984-1987 **Essex University & Inns of Court School of Law**

SKILLS

Problem Analysis & Solution Recognition

Effective Conflict Resolution & Communication

Initiative, Motivation & Resilience

Inclusive Stakeholder Involvement & Teamwork

Self-Discipline & Responsibility

Further Information:

Safeguarding	British Equestrian Federation: Equestrian Advanced Safeguarding Farrer & Co. Developing implementing a low-level concerns policy: a guide for organisations which work with children (safeguarding) NSPCC Learning Safer Sports Events Designated Safeguarding Lead (Adult & Children) Advanced Safeguarding (Adult & Children)
Other	Bar Standards Board Equality & Diversity Training Mental Health Awareness & Intervention Complaint Mentor Bar Pro Bono Unit Expert Support (Mediation)
Community	Thruxton Parish Council
Memberships	Associate Member Expert Witness Institute Civil Mediation Council International Society for Equine Science British Eventing, Event Horse Owners Association UK Centre for Animals Law Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law Veterinary Association
Driving	Clean Full UK Licence & HGV

Suzannah Cotterill Field Court Chambers Grays Inn London WC1R 5EF

