

Kluwer Mediation Blog

A Month in the Life of an Ontario Commercial Mediator

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The [Kluwer Mediation Blog](#) provides an excellent opportunity for all of us to learn more about the practice of mediation around the world. I've had the privilege of training mediators in a number of places outside Canada including Russia, Albania, Uganda and Lesotho and know that practice experiences vary widely from place to place.

In an effort to convey a real-life sense of my commercial mediation practice here in Ontario, Canada, I thought it would be appropriate to chronicle my month just passed. It was a fairly typical month and will give you a sense of the number and type of cases I am involved with.

January 23rd – Ottawa – Motor Vehicle Accident with catastrophic injuries – case did not settle at mediation and I continue to follow up with the lawyers.

January 24th – Downtown Toronto – Slip and fall in an icy parking lot – case settled at mediation.

January 26th – Downtown Toronto – Professional negligence – compromised baby – case settled at mediation.

January 27th – North Toronto – Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance claim – case settled at mediation.

January 30th – North Toronto – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 1st – North Toronto – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 2nd – Kingston – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 3rd – Toronto LTD mediation cancelled.

February 6th – Drive to Huntsville Ontario (because there's no other way to get there – 5 hours from Ottawa).

February 7th – Huntsville – LTD claim – case settled conditionally at mediation. Subsequently advised that condition satisfied and settlement firm. Oh yes, and a 5 hour drive from Huntsville to Ottawa that night.

February 8th – Ottawa – Professional negligence – death of a child – case did not settle at mediation and I continue to follow up with lawyers.

February 9th – Ottawa – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 10th – Ottawa – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 13th – Toronto environmental mediation cancelled.

February 14th – North Toronto – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 15th – North Toronto – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 16th – Downtown Toronto – LTD claim – case settled at mediation.

February 21st – Toronto LTD mediation cancelled.

February 22nd – Downtown Toronto – Historical sexual abuse. I'll let you know the outcome at the end of the session.

So you can see that my mediation practice takes me to various places across the province and is weighted towards LTD mediations. The typical case starts at 10 am, usually in a neutral facility such as [Network Court Reporting](#) which has two locations in Toronto. The session is usually completed by 5 pm and sometimes earlier.

I would be very interested in hearing from the other bloggers on this site about a typical month in their practice.

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