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Independent Mediators are proud to announce that in the recently published 2011 Edition of Chambers & Partners all six of our Mediators were positioned in the top tier of mediators in the UK. In addition we are delighted to announce that Michel Kallipetis QC was awarded the accolade of 'Star Individual.'

The directory, which bases its findings on feedback obtained from a wide cross section of solicitors and client users, recorded the following comments about the members of the team:

Charles Dodson is "*rather charming*" and continues to attract praise from a wide range of interviewees. He has a varied practice in which professional negligence, breach of contract, tort and international disputes all figure heavily. He is especially noted for his ability to adapt his approach to the particular requirements of the case in front of him. Sources consider his "*vast experience as a litigator and his laid-back style*" to be two of his key strengths.

Phillip Howell-Richardson of [Independent Mediators](http://www.independentmediators.co.uk) is "*a delightful man with great wisdom, tremendous kindness and a softly spoken approach,*" Howell-Richardson remains a highly respected figure. His practice encompasses contractual disputes, general commercial, company and insurance matters. He is recognised as a specialist at handling group actions.

Michel Kallipetis QC of [Independent Mediators](http://www.independentmediators.co.uk) is widely hailed as a legend in the world of mediation, Kallipetis remains one of the most active mediators on the circuit. Sources note his "*enormous energy, gravitas and wonderfully persuasive manner,*" and his "*avuncular, diplomatic yet robust mediation style.*" His experience is such that he is able to mediate virtually any high-level dispute. His areas of expertise include property, insurance, construction, professional negligence and more general commercial disputes.

Professional negligence expert **Mark Lomas QC** moves up a place in this year's ranking having received some excellent market feedback. He is particularly noted for his expertise in financial services-related matters and has seen an increase in cases against mortgage advisers over the past twelve months. "*He is a smooth operator who brings a calm, controlled and charming approach to mediation,*" say interviewees.

Bill Marsh remains "*right at the top of the tree*" for mediation. He handles a range of commercial disputes, including contractual, IP, shareholder and chancery disputes. His mediation practice is increasingly international in scope. Interviewees say he is "*subtle, intelligent, approachable and always extremely focused on the issues in hand.*"

This leading mediator has a wide-ranging commercial practice with a focus on banking and finance disputes. His other recognised areas of expertise include IT, oil and gas, commercial property and professional negligence disputes. "*A real deal maker with a great sense of humour,*" **Nicholas Pryor** attracts praise from an impressive range of interviewees. Sources say he has "*great people skills and achieves a lot through the gravitas he brings. He works really hard to make parties realise a settlement is possible.*"

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