



## Legal Directories 2009

The four members of Independent Mediators have featured strongly in the Mediator rankings and once again received outstanding reviews:

## Chambers and Partners 2009

### **Charles Dodson** **Independent Mediators**

With over ten years of experience in high-value commercial mediation, Dodson is the man clients *"go to when we want someone practical and experienced in heavyweight deals."* His expertise is wide-ranging and incorporates professional negligence, insurance, partnership and contractual disputes, IT, logistics, pensions, and fraud and complex international disputes. His mediation style is facilitative, placing heavy emphasis on establishing rapport with the parties involved - a skill which has received much commendation from clients: *"Some of the best mediators are listeners rather than talkers, and Charles is one of these. He is really likeable, straightforward and open, and people respond to him extremely well."* In spite of his personable and *"quietly confident"* manner, he is also a no-nonsense, commercially focused lawyer capable of rigorous reality testing when it is judged necessary.

### **Michel Kallipetis QC** **Independent Mediators**

Kallipetis' vast experience as a barrister spans over 38 years and 700 mediations, rendering him *"a formidable lawyer who lives up to the QC tag."* He is regarded as an authority in mediation and commercial and civil litigation, particularly in the areas of medical negligence and employment. Professional negligence has been a major focus of his practice, generating a number of mediation settlements over the past year. He has recently been active in some complex and sensitive disputes for the Treasury, and is described by peers as *"a charming man whom people warm to tremendously."* In spite of this, he is also a *"gutsy mediator"* who is *"always prepared to offer*

### **Bill Marsh** **Independent Mediators**

Former director of CEDR, Marsh is renowned as a leading commercial mediator with *"a reputation of being very facilitative."* His experience covers the full spectrum of disputes from banking to IT, contracts to construction, insurance to sport. Over the past year in deals of up to £110 million in value, his caseload has been strongly internationally flavoured, with a number of cases emanating from Canada, the USA, China and France. Among his recent high-profile mediations is the much-publicised disputed takeover of Brighton & Hove Albion FC. Marsh's tenacity is something that marks him out as a top mediator among clients: *"He is not only a very fine mediator but also someone who will work and work and work until the job's done - when other people would give up, he still keeps at it and is usually successful."*

### **Nicholas Pryor** **Independent Mediators**

Nicholas Pryor is *"a proactive mediator"* who possesses *"sound legal judgement and excellent negotiation skills."* He was one of the first lawyers to mediate on a full-time basis in the UK and focuses mainly on commercial, insurance and professional negligence disputes. Interviewees have praised his *"ability to lay everything on the line in order to achieve a resolution favourable to both parties."*

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