



Legal 500 - 2012

Independent Mediators are proud to announce that in the recently published 2012 Edition of Legal 500 all six of our Mediators were positioned in the top tier of mediators in the UK.

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:

The *'forthright and energetic'* **Charles Dodson** of [Independent Mediators](#) is considered *'an excellent mediator'* who *'is reluctant to let any negotiation fail, and ensures that parties keep engaged with the mediation process'*. A former litigation partner and managing partner at Lovells, Dodson's recent mediation expertise includes a fraud and international asset tracing case for an overseas investment banking group, as well as disputes in the insurance and energy sectors. His mediations in the past year have ranged in value from £60,000 to £300m.

Phillip Howell-Richardson of [Independent Mediators](#) has an excellent track record in mediations, particularly those with an international dimension. A former commercial litigator, he has 20 years of experience acting as a mediator, and has been full time since 2005. He covers the full range of sectors, and is regularly involved in major, multi-party disputes. He is also a consultant at [SJ Berwin LLP](#), where he heads the firm's alternative dispute resolution unit.

The *'absolutely top-notch'* **Michel Kallipetis QC** of [Independent Mediators](#) is one of the best-known and most active mediators in the UK. In the past year he has mediated on disputes worth between £25,000 and £500m, covering the full range of areas. He *'gets to the nub of the dispute immediately, so that, even if you don't settle, you know you will have made good progress on the key issues by the end of the day'*.

A firm favourite and regular *'first choice'* for instructing solicitors, **Mark Lomas QC** of [Independent Mediators](#) boasts an excellent track record, having conducted well over 300 mediations since he became an accredited mediator 2001. Clients single him out for his willingness to *'work extremely hard during the mediation to get to the crux of the claim and the nub of the issues'*. He is also considered *'extremely effective in the way that he not only discusses legal issues and highlights the risks, but also considers all practical issues'*.

Seen as something of a mediation pioneer, **Bill Marsh** of [Independent Mediators](#) is widely considered to be one of the most accomplished *'top-rank'* mediators in the market. Since going into full-time mediation in 1991, Marsh has been involved in a number of mediations that have been in the public domain, including the dispute between Dame Shirley Porter and Westminster City Council, and also the disputed takeover of Brighton & Hove Albion FC. As well as domestic mediations he is also involved in numerous major international cases, including a recent £1bn transatlantic pharmaceuticals dispute.

Nicholas Pryor is another leading name at [Independent Mediators](#), and comes highly recommended by clients, who praise him for his intelligent and courteous approach. A hugely experienced mediator, he has been conducting mediations since 1986 and his cases over the past year have ranged in value from £25,000 to £300m.

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