



Legal Directories 2010

Legal 500

All 5 of the members of Independent Mediators have achieved top ranking in the directory for the first time this year, we are the only group to have achieved this distinction.

Within Mediators, Independent Mediators is a first tier firm.

*Former City litigator and joint managing partner of Lovells LLP, **Charles Dodson of Independent Mediators** continues to inspire confidence and enthusiasm. Now handling an increasing caseload, he wins plaudits for being 'pleasant, plausible, well prepared' and 'hard working'. Clients also appreciate his facilitative style, tenacity and 'clever tricks' to break deadlock.*

*Former head of Littleton Chambers, **Michel Kallipetis QC of Independent Mediators** 'exudes charm and courtesy', but does so from a position of 'great authority'. Capable of switching styles as the dispute demands, he manages a substantial caseload with apparent ease. Described as 'sympathetic, a good listener, and focused on achieving an outcome', he conveys 'wisdom, gravitas and deep experience' with an 'extremely approachable style'.*

***Mark Lomas QC of Independent Mediators** also rises to the top tier this year, based on a consistent level of outstanding feedback over several years. His manner is 'amiable, polished and gentlemanly. He has a good sense of humour, and clients enjoy his company'. He nevertheless 'asks tough questions, forces confrontation of issues', and wins confidence through a 'phenomenal grasp of detail'. Strategically he has demonstrated outstanding creativity with great 'persistence and resilience'.*

*While coming from a legal background, **Bill Marsh of Independent Mediators** is considered a 'classical facilitative mediator'. Described as 'experienced, personable, and well prepared', he is an 'excellent shuttle diplomat'. He swiftly 'generates an atmosphere of trust' and 'puts a lot of effort into listening'. He remains 'calm and in control in a crisis', and is 'able to identify and deal with the real points in contention to defuse the most acrimonious disputes'.*

*A 'big hit with demanding clients at the higher end of the market', **Nicholas Pryor of Independent Mediators** is widely praised for 'an impressive ability to assimilate the complex legal arguments of the parties'. Not afraid to be interventionist where necessary, he is 'proactive and determined' and will 'drive the parties to settlement' if required.*

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