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The Mediation Chambers



Henry Brown

Henry Brown is an experienced mediator who mediates across a wide range of complex commercial, contract and civil matters, especially where professional, business, corporate or personal relationships have broken down. He especially mediates divorce cases where there are significant financial/commercial issues at stake.

A South African attorney (1962), English solicitor (1975) and former partner of Penningtons, he initially trained as a mediator in New York in 1985, developed this in Boston in 1989 and then became a member of the initial training faculty of CEDR. He has been an accredited mediator with CEDR since its inception.

He co-founded and is a Vice-President of the Family Mediators Association, co-established Resolution's mediation programme and was its first Director of Mediation. Henry holds a Certificate in the Fundamentals of Psychotherapy and Counselling. His practical experience as a mediator and a commercial litigator, divorce lawyer, Intellectual Property specialist and general practitioner has enabled him to develop a combination of the commercial and the family mediation models into a "hybrid" divorce mediation process, which is what he now primarily undertakes, particularly where there are complex financial, business, property and/or other issues.

Henry retired from legal practice at the end of 2005 to enable him to focus on mediation, mediation training and writing. Publications to date include author of the Law Society's *Report on civil and commercial ADR* (1991) and co-author of *ADR Principles and Practice* (1993 & 1999). He also co-wrote a training book/DVD with family therapists Neil Dawson and Brenda McHugh in 2006 on *Managing Difficult Divorce Relationships*. He has trained family and commercial mediators in England, Hong Kong, South Africa, Denmark and Iceland.

Henry's fields of mediation activity now include:

- Intellectual Property (copyright, trade mark and passing off)
- Partnerships
- Family Business
- Trusts
- Inheritance
- Shareholder and Agency disputes (including Sections 359 and 459 of the Companies Act)
- Professional Negligence

Over the years Chambers *Guide to the Legal Profession* has described Henry as:

"An excellent all-round mediator"

"First class mediator with a reputation for settling unsesttable cases"

"The ideal mediator – cool, calm and a good listener"

"Superb"; "Unparalleled experience"

"A gentle, humane person with effective methods"

"Tremendously impressive".

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