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The Mediation Chambers



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Michael Cover has over 30 years experience as a Solicitor, both in private practice and as in-house Counsel. He was accredited as a mediator by CEDR in 2002 and now practises independently as a mediator and arbitrator. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Chartered Arbitrator and, as such, is one of the very few commercial mediators that are dual-qualified as mediator and arbitrator.

He is a member of the mediation panel of the Court of Appeal and a Member of the Practice and Standards Committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, as well as being a Professional Member of the Dispute Board Federation.

Michael has conducted mediations in the following areas:

- Commercial contracts
- Competition/anti-trust law
- Construction and property
- Financial Services
- Franchising
- Insurance
- Intellectual property rights (including patents, trade marks, designs, copyright, domain names)
- IT and computers
- Media and entertainment (including music)
- Partnership disputes
- Professional negligence
- Shareholder disputes
- Sport

As an intellectual property lawyer by background, Michael's experience covers the full range of commercial disputes and transactions. He is also accredited as a Family and Business Mediator, having completed the ADR Group Civil and Commercial to Family hybrid conversion accreditation programme.

Michael has considerable experience in business, having been a non-executive director of companies in the leisure and legal information sectors.

He is a regular writer, speaker and presenter on ADR topics, including being the co-presenter of a workshop on mediating IP disputes at the CI Arb Mediation Symposium, The Key Issues and Challenges Facing Mediators, in September 2008 in London. He has a particular interest in mediation of cross-cultural disputes and has mediated disputes in the French language.