



MEDIATION BROCHURE

- ADR & Mediation

"Mediation – bridging a fractured landscape."

MEDIATION

Welcome to our mediation brochure, your guide to:

- Our mediators
- Mediation as a procedure
- Working with Chambers' mediators, including fees and process
- Training and development

Our main aim is to expertly mediate disputes to enable parties to reach settlement.

To provide the best possible service, we aim to make:

- Your initial contact with the clerks or the mediator as helpful as possible
- Appointing the mediator as simple as possible
- Our fees simple and transparent
- The whole mediation process straightforward and efficient

Please do get in touch with our excellent and approachable clerks on

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(Chambers UK Bar & Global Guide 2025)

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(Legal 500 UK Bar 2025)

OUR MEDIATORS

It is a pleasure to introduce Chambers' mediators, listed by year of call to the Bar, starting with KC's. Each mediators' main practice areas are noted, together with useful additional information.

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CALL / SILK: 1981 / 1999

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE: Civil Fraud; Commercial; Company; Insolvency; Partnership; Offshore; Trusts, Wills & Estates; Property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Accredited Mediator



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Accredited Mediator; Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Languages – Punjabi, Hindi & Urdu.



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CALL: 2003

MAIN AREAS OF PRACTICE: Trusts, Wills & Estates; Property.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Accredited Mediator

“Definitely an outstanding set to work with.”
(Chambers UK Bar 2025)

MEDIATION – WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

For those not familiar with mediation, we have attempted to summarise it in 5 points:

- **Voluntary attempt to resolve dispute:** the participants agree to mediate, and it is up to them whether (and on what terms) they reach a settlement of the dispute;
- **Independent trained mediator:** the process (usually at a neutral venue on a chosen day) is facilitated by an impartial skilled mediator, enabling discussion and settlement;
- **Confidential and without prejudice process:** the parties can discuss matters properly, without worrying that it's going to be repeated outside of the mediation or that it may affect their legal position;
- **Flexibility as to how the day runs:** the participants will have separate rooms, where they can discuss matters with the mediator privately, and there is also scope for joint meetings. The format is flexible and decided by the parties, guided by the mediator;
- **All options open:** the parties can discuss and agree on what works best for them in practical terms, and are not confined to outcomes that a Judge can grant in court.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU INSTRUCT A CHAMBERS MEDIATOR?

We aim to provide the highest standard of service at each stage of the process, from first contact with the clerks through to the mediator “rolling up their sleeves” to help the participants reach settlement.

- A copy of our standard agreement to mediate is here: <https://newsquarechambers.co.uk/NSC-standard-agreement-to-mediate-2023.pdf>
- Whilst fees are agreed in individual mediations, reach out to our clerks for further information on +44 (0)20 7419 8000 or at clerks@newsquarechambers.co.uk.
- The ADR section of Chambers website, with more information is available here: <https://newsquarechambers.co.uk/area/alternative-dispute-resolution-adr/>