



Nicholas Pryor

Commercial Mediator

Nicholas Pryor is one of Britain's most experienced commercial mediators, and one of the pioneers of mediation in the Europe. For the last 16 years, he has been consistently recommended as a mediator and ranked in the highest categories in 'Chambers & Partners' and 'The Legal 500'.

He is noted for his commercial approach, his skill in resolving complex disputes and his ability to relate effectively with parties.



Professional background

After being called to the Bar in 1970, he spent a period of postgraduate study at the London School of Economics. In 1981, he qualified as a solicitor, and practiced as a commercial litigation solicitor with Rowe & Maw, and subsequently with Coward Chance (later Clifford Chance). His subsequent experience was as head of the UK Legal Department for a group of Lloyd's market reinsurance companies. Since 1997, he has been practicing as an independent commercial mediator and arbitrator.

Mediation experience

He conducted his first mediation in 1986, and has mediated disputes in Britain, the USA, Europe and the Middle and Far East. He was involved with the foundation of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), and received CEDR accreditation in 1992. He was a founder member of CEDR's Training Faculty from 1991 and a non-executive director of CEDR from 1995 to 1998. He is also an accredited Mediator for ADR Group, and a member of the Mediation Panels of the Court of Appeal, the London Court of International Arbitration and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

He has written and lectured widely on mediation, and on techniques for representing clients in mediation. He is a contributing author to Butterworth's "*Mediators on Mediation*" (Tottel 2005).

He was the joint founder of the Lamport Hall Group, an association dedicated to the advancement of high standards of practice amongst leading mediators. In 2009, he was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators.

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Other dispute resolution experience

He has extensive experience of successful mediation of disputes involving multiple parties, complex areas of fact or law and high value claims.

Mediation style

Approach to mediation is a blend of proactive and facilitative. His courteous style allows him to build an excellent rapport with the parties and to vigorously test their case to keep the mediation process moving forward.

Directories

Legal 500

The highly rated **Nicholas Pryor** of **Independent Mediators** is praised for his willingness to go '*above and beyond what is required*'. His strong background as a commercial litigator has made him a regular choice for larger, multimillion-pound disputes. He has recently been active in major insolvency, defamation and insurance disputes, as well as in cases relating to the property, telecoms and energy industries.

Chambers & Partners

"*Calm and thoughtful*" mediator **Nicholas Pryor** also ranks among the UK's market leaders. He is praised as a "*proactive mediator*" and "*a good operator with a great sense of humour*" who is noted for the efficiency with which he brings parties together. Banking, professional negligence and insurance claims form part of his broad commercial practice. One source put it simply: "*He gets results.*"

The International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation 2011

Listed as one of the World's top mediators in this new International Directory

Areas of practice

He has to date successfully mediated approaching over 950 commercial disputes, including those referred to mediation by both the English and US Courts.

These have included a wide variety of commercial and contractual matters such as:

- Arts, television and the media
- Banking and financial regulation
- Commercial property
- Computer and IT
- Construction
- Copyright
- Defamation
- Employment
- Government, Local Government and other public authorities and bodies
- Insolvency
- Lloyd's insurance market disputes involving both marine and non-marine insurance and reinsurance matters
- Oil and gas
- Venture capital and project finance
- Pension funds
- Professional negligence
- Shareholders' disputes
- Shipping and aviation
- Sports
- Telecommunications