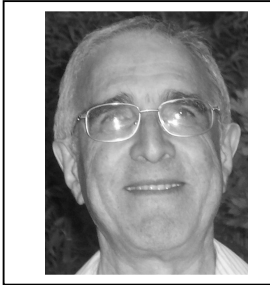


## ADR Group Family Hybrid Mediator Profile



### **HENRY BROWN**

#### **ADR Group Family Hybrid Mediator**

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Henry is an experienced mediator who has helped resolve many substantial and complex commercial and divorce matters. A dually qualified English solicitor and South African attorney, he initially trained as a mediator in New York in 1985 and had an active mediation practice, both civil-commercial and family, as well as training and writing extensively. He was co-founder and is a Vice-President of the Family Mediators Association and co-established Resolution's mediation programme and was its first Director of Mediation

Henry retired from legal practice and active mediation practice at the end of 2005 and focuses on training and writing, but occasionally undertakes mediation subject to his availability.

### **Professional Background**

Admitted as an attorney in South Africa (1962) and an English solicitor (1975), Henry practised as a family lawyer, commercial lawyer and litigator. After establishing his own firm in Central London in 1975, he was from 1980 a partner and latterly a consultant in the law firm Birkbeck Montagu's and in Penningtons, with which it merged. For some years he headed Penningtons' Intellectual Property Group. Since October 2005 he has been a non-practising solicitor.

### **Endorsements**

Henry consistently appeared as a commercial mediation specialist in Chambers *Guide to the Legal Profession*, in which he has over the years been variously described as "an all-round 'first class' mediator with a reputation for settling unseizable cases"; "the ideal mediator – cool, calm and a good listener"; "an acknowledged pioneer in the field"; "superb"; "unparalleled experience"; "...he specialises in mediations where there has been a breakdown in working relationships, especially those involving family businesses, partnerships and shareholders"; "a gentle, humane person with effective methods"; "tremendously impressive"; "excellent all-round mediator, with experience in commercial and family disputes".

### **Other Experience**

Henry has written extensively: he was author of the Law Society's *Report on civil and commercial ADR* (1991) and co-author with Arthur Marriott QC of *ADR Principles and Practice* (1993 & 1999), he also co-wrote a lawyers' training book and DVD with family therapists Neil Dawson and Brenda McHugh in 2006 on *Managing Difficult Divorce Relationships*.

He is an experienced mediation trainer in both the family and civil-commercial fields, and has run courses and workshops in England, Hong Kong, South Africa, Denmark and Iceland. He was a member of the original training faculty of CEDR (the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution) and trains mediators for the ADR Group.

During the period 1993-98 Henry was an external examiner (in Family Law and Commercial Law) for the solicitors' final examinations on the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in London and Guildford and was on the College's Examination Board. Henry holds a Certificate in the Fundamentals of Psychotherapy and Counselling (Regent's College).

He has served on many ADR committees including The Law Society's ADR working party, the Academy of Experts' Committee on the Language of ADR, the Executive Committee of Mediation UK, the Professional Standards Committee of the UK College of Family Mediators, the Mediation Strategy Group of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and various others.

### **Panel Memberships**

CEDR accredited, Henry is a PIM Senior Mediator Emeritus (formerly the Panel of Independent Mediators). Until his retirement, he was on the CEDR panel of mediators; a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb); a Member of the CPR Institute of Dispute Resolution's International Panel of Distinguished Neutrals (New York); an Advanced Practitioner member of ACR (the US-based Association for Conflict Resolution and its component Academy of Family Mediators) and a Practitioner Member of the Law Society's commercial mediation panel. He was also previously an active accredited family mediator with the FMA and Resolution.

### **Personal Interests**

Writing and painting: hoping for more leisure time having moved to the Kent coast.