

Mediator Biography David Taylor

A mediator who is a solicitor specialising in international trade, marine and non-marine insurance and shipping litigation, including collision, salvage and total loss cases.

A CEDR accredited and registered mediator.

A litigation lawyer with two major City law firms, Clifford Chance and Hill Taylor Dickinson prior to entering the insurance market in July 1997. He is currently Special Advisor to the International Underwriting Association (IUA), working with both Lloyd's and with Company insurers as Permanent Secretary of the Joint Hull Committee.

- He has practised as a marine and international trade litigator since 1972 with clients in the U.K., Europe, North America, Japan, the Far East, Scandinavia, Australia and South America.
- Extensive experience of collision and salvage litigation as an Admiralty Practitioner.
- He has extensive experience of litigation in U.S.A., especially in the states of Texas, Louisiana, New York and California.
- He is an Honorary Fellow and is Chairman of the Association of Average Adjusters 2003 –2004.
- Alert to cross border and multi-cultural issues, having travelled extensively as a lawyer and assisted clients of many nationalities.
- In addition to his regular appointments as mediator, he has led the London Insurance Market Mediation Initiative aimed at informing the market about the benefits of mediation, increasing understanding of how the process works and how and when to access it.
- In addition to writing and speaking extensively on the subject of alternative dispute resolution he has participated in several mock mediations.

Additional Experience

- Partnership having been the managing partner for 6 years of a city law firm.
- Professional Indemnity, deriving his experience from practice and from representation of interests in relation to professional indemnity claims.
- EC and Governmental deriving his experience from regular work with governmental, non-governmental and trade bodies.
- Local Authority having trained in local government and having represented local authorities.

Activity

Continues to be appointed regularly as a mediator and has conducted mock mediations most recently for BIMCO

Success Rate

In excess of 80%

Style

While entirely familiar with legal issues as a result of his wide experience as a lawyer, he is alert to identifying the business issues and their potential for providing commercial solutions. His experience as a negotiator does not make him inclined to adopt a confrontational style.

ADR Affiliations

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) – Accredited and Registered Mediator.

Member – InterMediation Panel of Mediators

Member – ACI (A Commercial Initiative for Dispute Resolution) Panel of Mediators.

Member – Admiralty Solicitors Group (ASG) Panel of Mediators

Languages

French Comprehension.

Referees:

Stephen Ruttle QC

Elizabeth Birch - Founder A.C.I.

Jane Andrewartha – Clyde & Co, Solicitors

Adrian Hardingham - Messrs Holmes Hardingham Walsler Johnson Winter, Solicitors

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