

# **Mediator's Curriculum Vitae**

Personal Particulars	
First Name	David
Surname	Owen
Designation	QC
Organisation	20 Essex Street

# **Educational/Professional Background**

Appointed as Queens Counsel 2006 Accredited as Mediator (CEDR) 2002 Called to Bar, dealing with wide range of commercial cases: 1983 Astbury Scholar, Middle Temple; Ver Heyden Advocacy Prize: 1983 City University, London PG DipLaw 1982 HM Treasury 1979-1981 Merton College Oxford, Scholar, MA 1976-1979 Marlborough College, Scholar 1970-1975

#### **Mediation Style**

His style is essentially facilitative. However, his experience as an arbitrator and barrister means that he can help parties to analyse legal and evidential issues, and to assess the reality of their positions. He also has a pragmatic focus on the parties' commercial needs in resolving a dispute.

#### **Mediation Experience**

He is a full-time specialist mediator and arbitrator, practising from London and Singapore. Many of the cases he mediates have an international dimension, and reflect his wide-ranging commercial practice. He has regularly been recommended in Chambers and Legal 500 Guides as a leading practitioner in the fields of mediation, arbitration and litigation.

Areas in which he mediates include the following: Shipping; Energy; Commodities; Infrastructure Projects; Joint Ventures; Banking & Finance; Derivatives; Share Sales; Insurance/Reinsurance; Negligence; Pharmaceuticals.

Recent mediations have included cases relating to:

- shipping (eg chartering; ship sale; shipbuilding; performance);
- energy (eg oil trading; contamination claims; oil exploration and support vessels);
- commodity contracts
- financial disputes (eg derivatives and freight forward agreements; fiduciary asset management; banker/customer & wealth management disputes;)

- projects (eg a major Middle East infrastructure project; engineering disputes)
- insurance
- pharmaceuticals (distribution disputes)

Mediation feedback includes:

"David Owen is a wonderful mediator. He is extremely intelligent and adept at using it to both sides' benefit in mediations. He gets results cleverly."

"He has a broad mediation practice with a particular focus on cases with an international element. His areas of expertise include shipping, trade, finance and general commercial disputes. Sources note his attention to detail and commercial mindset".

## **Mediation Education and Training**

Having studied and promoted mediation during his time as a barrister, he was accredited as a mediator in 2002 (CEDR).

He undertook an Advanced Mediator Training Course in 2006 (MATA), and a Mediation Mastery Course in 2011 (MATA). He has participated in many conferences and events relating to mediation and ADR.

He has a working knowledge of French.

## **Mediation Teaching and Mentoring**

He trains and assesses mediators in England and elsewhere, on behalf of CEDR and the Association for International Arbitration. He is a member of CEDR's faculty of mediation trainers.

He has lectured on dispute resolution and mediation in Singapore, Belgium, Germany and England. He regularly teaches mediation at the Cologne Academies of Arbitration and Mediation.

#### **Mediation Publications**

# **Professional Affiliations**

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Chartered Institute of Arbitrations – Mediation Panel Member International Mediation Institute – Panel Member Marine Offshore & Gas Association – Mediation & Arbitration Panel Member Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration – Panel Member Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration – Panel Member Civil Mediation Council – Member London Court of International Arbitration – Member Bar Council Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee - Member International Bar Association – Mediation and Arbitration Committees