

Geoff Sharp CV 2017 Commercial Mediator

Geoff Sharp is a commercial mediator and divides his time between his London and New Zealand mediation practices as well as occasionally mediating in Asia.

He is a member of [Brick Court Chambers](#), one of the leading sets of barristers' chambers in London. Based in New Zealand, Geoff spends a significant part of each year at Brick Court and is delighted to be associated with some of Europe's busiest and most recognised mediators.



Awards

- *Top Ten; Who's Who [Global Mediation Thought Leader 2017](#)*
Who's Who Legal 2017
- *Winner: Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia Pacific Region 2016*
APAC Insider Legal Awards 2016
- *Geoff is regularly included in Who's Who Global Top 10 Mediators and is "in high demand for his practice covering the Asia-Pacific region" and "is one of New Zealand's pre-eminent mediators" possessing "vast experience mediating in Asia and the Middle East"*
Who's Who Legal 2015/16
- *"Clients would go to Geoff Sharp "10 times out of 10". He has conducted over a thousand mediations in New Zealand and worldwide, and is one of the most highly rated individuals on our international research"*
Who's Who Legal 2014
- *Geoff is "the leading mediator in New Zealand" for many of our respondents. He enjoys an "exceptional reputation" all over the world. Sharp is one of our most highly recommended practitioners"*
Who's Who Legal 2013
- Inaugural New Zealand Mediator of the Year by the legal profession at the 2012/2013 Law Awards.

Geoff mediates across a range of commercial conflicts including infrastructure, construction, intellectual property, technology/telecom/energy sectors, financial, insurance, contractual, shareholder, joint-venture and public sector/governmental matters.

In 2016 he mediated a number of high-profile London matters including a multibillion-pound class-action and one of the most significant pieces of litigation in the UK for 2016; a five party country to country commercial dispute of political and historical significance and co-mediated with a retired UK Court of Appeal judge; a multimillion pound insolvency litigation; and a Southeast Asian energy infrastructure claim set against a complex backdrop of litigation and arbitration in Manila, Singapore and London.



As well as being the APAC Insider's 2016 '[Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia-Pacific](#)', Geoff is one of New Zealand's leading commercial mediators and was voted by the NZ legal profession to be the Inaugural Mediator of the Year at the Annual NZ Law Awards in 2012.

He is honoured to be a past LEADR Fellow and the first Australasian mediator to be elected a Distinguished Fellow of the International Academy of Mediators (USA).

Geoff has for many years been on the faculty of the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition devoted to international commercial mediation and held in Paris every year. He was honoured to mediate the competition final (video [here](#)).

He is appointed to CEDR's International Mediator Panel as well as Singapore Mediation Centre's International Panel of Mediators and is a member of the National Electricity Market of Singapore Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel.

Known as a mediator who can connect with parties in conflict, Geoff has been engaged by many of the world's leading law firms dealing with contentious matters as well as government agencies, including the UK and NZ Governments in 2016.

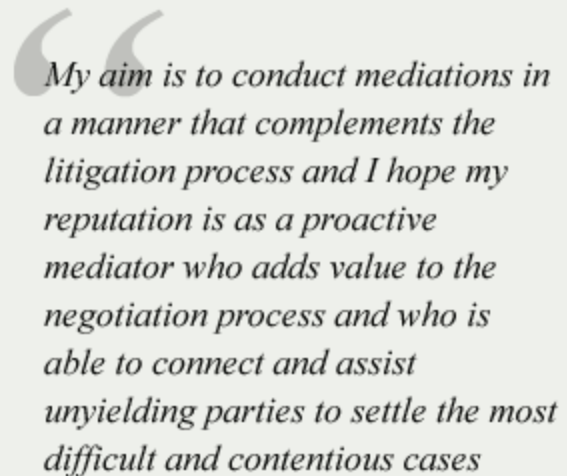
Combining commercial practice with academic life, Geoff has also participated in Bond University's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence program and is a member of the Independent Standards Commission of the International Mediation Institute in The Hague currently setting global mediator credentialing standards.

Geoff has a close connection with Singapore having been a member of the Advisory Board of Singapore Management University's Centre for Dispute Resolution located in its School of Law. Geoff is currently a member of Singapore Mediation Centre's International Panel of Mediators and the Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel of the National Electricity Market of Singapore.

Geoff is also a member of;

Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre's Panel of Accredited Mediators
India International ADR Association
Indian Institute of Arbitration & Mediation's International Mediator Panel

Geoff is a barrister admitted in New Zealand and Australia having a law degree from Victoria University of Wellington and a Diploma in Business Studies (Dispute Resolution) from Massey University. He is an accredited mediator in Australia under the Australian National Mediator Standards and in New Zealand he is a member of the advanced mediation panels of both LEADR and the Arbitrators' and Mediators' Institute of New Zealand.



My aim is to conduct mediations in a manner that complements the litigation process and I hope my reputation is as a proactive mediator who adds value to the negotiation process and who is able to connect and assist unyielding parties to settle the most difficult and contentious cases

Geoff has trained mediators and lawyers in New Zealand, Australia, Samoa, Cook Islands, USA, Europe, Malaysia and Thailand and has consulted widely to the New Zealand Government on aspects of public sector mediation, including being engaged by the NZ Government to establish the Weathertight Mediation Panel in response to NZ's leaky building crisis.

Prior to committing to a full-time mediation practice in the early 2000's , Geoff was a litigation partner at [Bell Gully](#), one of New Zealand's largest national commercial law firms, where he spent 15 enjoyable years. Before that his early career was at Mallesons (Melbourne) where he is admitted to the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court and Federal Court of Australia.

He holds both NZ and UK passports.

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