

Forthcoming Courses

The Master Class Series

Each Master Class takes place in Central London from 4.30pm to 6.30pm followed by an informal drinks reception with wine and snacks.

The Dates and The Mediators

5th February 2009: Alan Limbury

5th March 2009: Beverly-Ann Rogers

2nd April 2009: David Plant (USA)

7th May 2009: Heather Allen

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 30 people per master class.

Mediator Breakfast

The second Mediator Breakfast took place on 20th January and was attended by over 30 mediators. The breakfasts are held on the third Tuesday of alternative months and are limited to 40 people, so get them in your diary! The next will be on 17 March at 08.30. The idea is for mediators to share their experiences and get to know each other. Michael Cover is organising this event for all mediators at the Punch Tavern at the Ludgate Circus Fleet Street, London. For details you can visit www.punchtavern.com. The cost will be £8.00 per head, payable on the day. Book a place with Michael (Michael.cover@charlesrussell.co.uk) or David (david@richbell.org)

Co-Mediation training

MATA has recently delivered two workshops on Co-Mediation in preparation for the new scheme soon to be launched using prominent lawyer/accountant pairing for high profile business cases such as boardroom disputes. The training arose from the reputation built by the established co-mediation pairing of Presiley Baxendale QC and David Richbell.

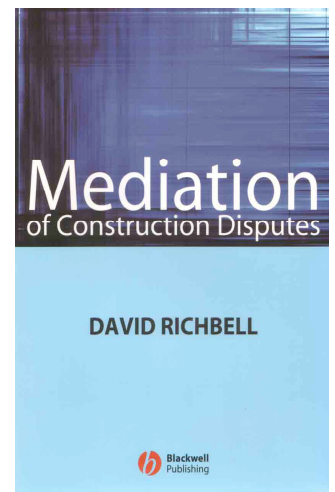
Co-Mediation is particularly valuable for multi-party disputes. David Richbell has an established pairing with Jane Gunn, his training partner, and more recently with Beverly-Ann Rogers (following the retirement of Presiley Baxendale, his former Co-Mediation partner).

OTHER NEWS

Further Mediation training for Judges In FINLAND

Three years ago MATA delivered their Mediator Training Course to a group of 16 Judges in Helsinki. In January this year David Richbell and Lawrence Kershen returned to deliver a two-day refresher. Although many Judges had done very little mediating since the original training, there is a very strong feeling that mediation, particularly court-led mediation, is really taking a hold.

Book wins CEDR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADR



“Mediation of Construction Disputes” written by David Richbell (Blackwells 2008)

received the CEDR award for Excellence in ADR at their bi-annual dinner in November. The book is aimed at users rather than mediators, so that they may use mediation to best effect.

Mediator Dilemma resolved

The mediation went ahead. Counsel continued to behave aggressively and the Mediator arranged for Counsel on the other side to take him to another room and discuss the case/holidays/weather whilst the parties negotiated a settlement.

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