

Henry Brown

Professional Background

Admitted as a solicitor in South Africa (1962) and England (1975), Henry was a partner and consultant with the London law firm, Penningtons. Over some 49 years he covered a wide range of work: commercial, litigation and arbitration (including commodity and construction disputes) and family and divorce. He formerly headed Penningtons' intellectual property unit.

Henry retired from legal practice at the end of 2005 and wound down his mediation practice, but continued with training, writing and consultancy.

He is a Member Emeritus of PIM (the Panel of Independent Mediators) and an accredited mediator with CEDR (the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution). Until his retirement, he was a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and of the Law Society's commercial mediation panel, and was on the International Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of the CPR International Institute (New York).

Henry was the first Director of Mediation of Resolution (formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association) and is co-founder and Vice-President of the Family Mediators Association.

Mediation Experience

He is an experienced mediator who consistently appeared as a commercial mediation specialist in *Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession* and in *Legal Experts* published by Legal Business/Legal 500. As both a specialist mediator in intellectual property (IP) disputes and business relationship breakdown (including shareholder and partnership disputes) and a generalist mediator, he mediated across a wide range of commercial and civil disputes. He has also mediated extensively in separation and divorce matters and was a leading family mediator and supervisor/consultant.

Training and Writing

After co-establishing the pilot scheme "Solicitors in Mediation" in 1986, he worked in 1989 with Endispute in training mediators for the construction industry in Hong Kong. He was a member of CEDR's initial training faculty, and co-established the practice and training programmes of both the Family Mediators Association and Resolution. He has created and run mediation courses and workshops in the UK, Hong Kong, Denmark, South Africa and Iceland. He has acted as consultant to the Law Society, the City Disputes Panel, and the National Health Service Litigation Authority and AVMA (Action against Medical Accidents).

He was external examiner in Commercial Law and Family Law at the College of Law. He holds a Certificate in the Fundamentals of Psychotherapy and Counselling (Regent's College).

Author of the Law Society's *Report on civil and commercial ADR* (1991), co-author with Arthur Marriott QC of *ADR Principles and Practice* (Sweet & Maxwell: 1993 & 1999) and co-author of *Managing difficult divorce relationships: A multimedia training guide for family lawyers* (Resolution 2006), he has also contributed extensively to other books and journals.