

*Who's Who Global Mediation Thought Leader*

*Who's Who Legal 2017*

*Winner of Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia Pacific Region*

*APAC Insider Legal Awards (2016 & 2017)*

*Appointed Senior International Mediation Expert for the Mainland – Hong Kong*

*Joint Mediation Centre - April 2017*

*Appointed a panel member of the Japan International Mediation Center, Kyoto -*

*March 2018*

*"He is a mediation megastar, hugely experienced and brings years of knowledge to each mediation" and "one of New Zealand's pre-eminent mediators" possessing "vast experience mediating in Asia and the Middle East"*

*"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"*

*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 – 2017*

In New Zealand, Geoff is based at [Clifton Chambers, Wellington](#) and offers himself as a local mediator in all NZ centers.

In the UK Geoff is at [Brick Court Chambers, London](#) and he divides his time between his London and New Zealand mediation practices as well as mediating in Asia.

Over the past two years he has mediated a number of high-profile New Zealand and UK 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, co-mediated with a retired UK Court of Appeal judge; a multimillion pound insolvency litigation; two large fraud matters and the termination of a wholesale insurance arrangement; a JV dispute over a deep water oil well off the coast of Africa; a takeover involving sensitive client issues and a Southeast Asian energy infrastructure claim set against a complex



backdrop of litigation and arbitration in Manila, Singapore and London. Before that, a Middle Eastern oil and gas sector project dispute and a UAE construction dispute involving an iconic Dubai building project.

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

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

For three of the last five years, Geoff has been included in Who's Who Legal Global Top 10 Mediators with selection based on independent survey of both general counsel and private practice lawyers worldwide.

As well as being APAC Insider's *Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia-Pacific* in both 2016 and 2017, he 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 been a member of ICC's Mediation Rules Task Force and for many years on the faculty of the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition devoted to international commercial mediation and held in Paris every year. He has mediated the competition final and 2017 feedback from university coaches included; *"Fantastic session mostly due to the quality of the mediator. The best mediator I've observed in the many sessions since many years at the ICC competition weeks."*

He is appointed to CEDR's International Mediator Panel.

Active in Asia, Geoff is also a member of Singapore Mediation Centre's International Panel of Mediators and appointed a SIMC Ambassador in 2017. He is also a member of the National Electricity Market of Singapore Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel. In 2018 he was also appointed an inaugural panel member of Japan's International Mediation Center located in Kyoto and which will work closely with the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center (China's 'Belt and Road' initiative).

Prior to committing to a full-time mediation practice a decade ago, Geoff was a litigation partner at [Bell Gully](#), one of New Zealand's largest national commercial law firms. Before that his early career was at Mallesons, a major Australian commercial firm.

He is admitted to the Bar in New Zealand and Australia (all NZ Courts, Supreme Court of Victoria, High Court of Australia and the Australian Federal Court) and holds NZ and UK passports.