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Summary

Geoff is a commercial mediator, with a focus on the resolution of legal disputes. Geoff is based at **Brick Court Chambers**, London and **Maxwell Mediators**, Singapore and **Clifton Chambers**, Wellington. He divides his time between London and New Zealand mediation practice as well as mediating in Singapore as one of the founding members of Maxwell Mediators.

He is ranked in Chambers UK Bar 2019 and over the 2017 - 2019 period Geoff has mediated a number of high-profile matters including a multibillion-pound class-action and one of the most significant pieces of litigation in the UK for 2016; a country to country commercial dispute of political and historical significance; a multimillion pound insolvency; a JV dispute involving a deep water oil well along the African coast 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.

He is APAC Insider's '*Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia-Pacific*' for the last three years and Lawyer International Legal 100's *Best Commercial Mediator 2019 - Asia Pacific*

Active in Asia, Geoff is a founding member of Maxwell Mediators based in Singapore and is also a member of Singapore Mediation Center's International Panel of Mediators and appointed a SIMC Ambassador. He is a member of the National Electricity Market of Singapore Dispute Resolution and Compensation Panel. In 2018 he was also appointed a mediation panel member of the Japan International Mediation Center in Kyoto which will work closely with the Mainland-Hong Kong Joint Mediation Center.

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).

Experience



Maxwell Mediators (Singapore)

May 2019- Present

Maxwell Mediators

“Maxwell Mediators is founded by Lim Tat, Bill Wood and Geoff Sharp in response to the increasing demand in Singapore for seasoned mediators experienced in international work resulting from Singapore’s growing reputation for reliability, efficiency and neutrality”

With our three experienced mediators, each independently ranked as a leading mediator in their home jurisdiction and drawn from Asia, Europe and Australasia, Maxwell Mediators is perfectly placed to resolve cross border disputes in South East Asia and beyond.

Singapore, a leading dispute resolution hub in Asia, has further enhanced its credentials by enacting the Mediation Act 2017 supporting the international commercial mediation sector. This, together with Singapore taking a lead role with the launch of the Singapore Convention on Mediation in August 2019 – the first UN Treaty named after Singapore – make Singapore an ideal choice for Maxwell Mediators.

Maxwell Mediators has a broad range of proven experience across diverse areas of conflict;

- contract and negligence
- construction and infrastructure
- oil and gas
- financial services and banking
- joint venture and shareholders disputes
- telecom/internet
- shipping and international trade
- intellectual property
- insurance and reinsurance
- ecological and environmental
- family, trust, succession, relational disputes
- pharma
- competition
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Maxwell Mediators is located in the heart of Singapore's business district at Maxwell Chambers Suites adjoining **Maxwell Chambers**, Singapore's preferred mediation venue – just a short 20 minute ride from Changi Airport and within walking distance of a number of world-class hotels, restaurants and shopping.

Maxwell Chambers Suites comprise four floors of international dispute resolution institutions, mediation and arbitration chambers, law firms and ancillary services.

Maxwell Mediators has ready access to Maxwell Chambers, the world's first integrated dispute resolution complex and located in one of Singapore's historic buildings, soon to be the world's first smart hearing facility, offering convenient and secure hearings for parties, counsel and mediators, through the use of smart technology.

Maxwell Mediators provides a refreshingly efficient and streamlined mediation process for complex disputes. There is no secretariat between parties and the mediator nor any additional administration fees. Founding mediators, Geoff, Bill and Tat are personally contactable and will be your point of reference throughout the process.

We specialise in co-mediating complex cross-border disputes, often involving more than one language and multiple jurisdictions and two of our mediators recently successfully co-mediated a cross-border dispute between English and Mandarin speakers.

	<p>Brick Court Chambers (London) Brick Court Chambers Barrister & Commercial Mediator</p>	<p>Sep 2013- Present</p>
	<p>Clifton Chambers (Wellington) Mediator Barrister & Commercial Mediator</p>	<p>Jan 2010- Present</p>
	<p>Litigation Partner Bell Gully Litigation Partner, Wellington Litigation Unit Head 1996/1998</p>	<p>Oct 1984 - Dec 1998 14 years 3 months</p>
	<p>Solicitor King & Wood Mallesons</p>	<p>Jan 1982 - Oct 1984 2 years 10 months</p>

Education

	<p>Victoria University of Wellington LLB, Law</p>	<p>1976 - 1982</p>
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Skills

 Mediation • Dispute Resolution • Litigation • Alternative Dispute Resolution • Conflict Management

Honors & Awards

Ranked in Chambers & Partners • Chambers UK 2019 • Sep 2018

“... really tenacious and determined to look at things from every angle to get the parties to talk” and “he’s really sharp, asks the right questions and knows when to intervene and when to give clients space.”

Mediation Thought Leader 2017 • Who's Who Legal • Jul 2018

In its latest round of global research Who's Who Legal recognise ten mediators who obtained the highest number of nominations from peers, corporate counsel and other market sources as thought leaders and that they are worthy of special mention not only because of “their vast expertise and experience advising on some of the world’s most significant and cutting-edge legal matters” but also “their ability to innovate, inspire, and go above and beyond to deliver for their clients”

Winner: Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia Pacific Region for 2016, 2017 and 2018 • APAC Insider Legal Awards • Jul 2018

Who's Who Legal Top 10 • Who's Who Legal (UK) • Aug 2014

For a number of years, Geoff is included in the Who's Who Legal Most Highly Regarded Commercial Mediators, a global publication with selection based upon independent survey of both general counsel and private practice lawyers worldwide. Who's Who list Geoff in the 10 most highly regarded mediators globally and say;

“he is a mediation megastar, hugely experienced and brings years of knowledge to each mediation” possessing “vast experience mediating in Asia and the Middle East”

a “leading mediator” with clients praising his “engaging manner, charm and intelligence” and has “considerable expertise as a mediator in international commercial conflicts”

“he enjoys an “exceptional reputation” all over the world. Sharp is one of our most highly recommended practitioners”

Mediator of the Year • New Zealand Lawyer • Nov 2012

Geoff was voted New Zealand Mediator of the Year by the NZ legal profession at the 2012/2013 Law Awards.