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## Top Skills

Mediation  
Dispute Resolution  
Litigation

## Certifications

Supreme Court of Victoria  
High Court of New Zealand  
High Court and Federal Court of  
Australia

## Honors-Awards

Mediator of the Year  
Who's Who Legal Top 10  
Mediation Thought Leader 2017  
Best Commercial Mediator in the  
Asia Pacific Region 2016-2019  
Chambers & Partners 2020

## Publications

Favourite Articles  
Kluwer Mediation Blog

# Geoff Sharp

International Mediation // Asia Pacific + Europe  
Singapore

## Summary

Geoff is an international mediator, with a focus on the resolution of cross border commercial disputes in Asia and Europe with Chambers UK describing him this year as “truly an international mediator”.

Geoff is based at Maxwell Mediators, Singapore and Brick Court Chambers, London and Clifton Chambers, Wellington.

He is ranked in Chambers UK Bar 2020 and is described by Who's Who Legal as a “mediation megastar”.

Geoff mediates in multiple jurisdictions and has recent experience in mediating insurance, financial sector class actions, country to country commercial disputes, Asian and Middle Eastern oil & gas, energy infrastructure and construction disputes.

In 2019 Geoff conducted mediations in Singapore, Korea, UK, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand and prior to the COVID travel restrictions in early 2020, further mediations in Singapore.

During the pandemic travel restrictions Geoff is available to mediate cross border matters virtually, recently resolving an \$83m dispute entirely online.

Earlier this year Geoff was appointed to the International Advisory Board of the Office of the Ombudsman for United Nations Funds and Programmes where he joins a small group of global mediators and academics having oversight of the UN's Global Mediation Panel.

In November 2019 Geoff was announced by Bali International Arbitration and Mediation Centre as one of Asia Pacific's top 10 mediators and he is APAC Insider's 2019 'Best Commercial Mediator in the Asia-Pacific' and Lawyer International Legal 100's 'Best Commercial Mediator 2019 in the Asia Pacific'

Last year Geoff was one of three founding members of Maxwell Mediators based at Maxwell Chambers Suites in Singapore. He is a member of the 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 and 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.

Previously Geoff was a litigation partner at Bell Gully and began his legal career in Melbourne with global law firm King & Wood Mallesons.

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).

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## Experience

### Maxwell Mediators

Maxwell Mediators (Singapore)

May 2019 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Singapore

Maxwell Mediators is founded by Lim Tat, Bill Wood and Geoff Sharp to meet the

growing demand in Singapore for seasoned mediators with international experience.

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.

Our specialties;

We specialise in co-mediating complex multi-jurisdictional/cross-border disputes, often

involving more than one language. Lim Tat and Geoff Sharp recently co-mediated a crossborder dispute between English and Mandarin speakers.

“The combination of Geoff and Tat’s superb mediation skills and Tat’s Chinese language skills ultimately resulted in a satisfactory settlement which allowed the [English/Chinese speaking] parties to put a long running and costly dispute behind them and move forward as commercial partners” Chris Griggs, Barrister

Maxwell Mediators has a broad range of proven current experience across diverse areas of conflict. Our mediators work in the UK, NZ, USA, Europe, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar, UAE and other countries involving a range of subject matter:

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 are the point of reference throughout the process.

Our office;

Our Singapore office is located in the heart of the business district at Maxwell Chambers

Suites adjoining Maxwell Chambers, Singapore’s preferred mediation venue.

This provides

a convenient and secure venue for parties, counsel and mediators.

**Brick Court Chambers**

**Brick Court Chambers (London)**

**September 2013 - Present (7 years)**

7-8 Essex Street, London

Full time Brick Court mediators, Tony Willis, Bill Wood, Geoff Sharp, John Sturrock and Stephen Ruttle are among the 10 most highly regarded commercial mediators in the world and they all feature in the top 10 at different times.

Brick Court mediators are regularly included Who's Who Mediation list of ten Thought Leaders, making Brick Court home to four of the ten globally identified mediation leaders. WWL says; these four had "obtained the highest number of nominations from peers, corporate counsel and other market sources in our most recent research cycle" and were "worthy of special mention owing not only to 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".

In addition to conducting mediations in London, our mediators often work elsewhere in the UK. They have also taken assignments in Europe, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore, New Zealand, Africa, Dubai, Romania, Greece, Ireland, Belgium, Mexico, Jersey and Guernsey.

**Geoff Sharp, Barrister**

Clifton Chambers (Wellington)

January 2010 - Present (10 years 8 months)

Wellington

Clifton Chambers is a set of experienced barristers, all from significant national law firms or senior roles in the Crown Law Office. Each brings a set of specialist skills in diverse areas of the law to the provision of advocacy, mediation and advisory services for government and for business.

The barristers at Clifton Chambers share a common set of principles. They deliver advanced advocacy, mediation and advisory services to the highest level, are results-driven and user-friendly.

**Bell Gully**

Litigation Partner

October 1984 - December 1998 (14 years 3 months)

Wellington

Litigation Partner, Wellington Litigation Unit Head 1996/1998

**King & Wood Mallesons**

Solicitor

January 1982 - October 1984 (2 years 10 months)

Melbourne, Australia

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## Education

Victoria University of Wellington

LLB, Law · (1976 - 1982)

Christ's College, Canterbury  
· (1972 - 1975)

Bond University  
Scholar in Residence · (2008)

Harvard Law School  
Program on Negotiation, ADR Short Course

Pepperdine Law  
Straus Institute, ADR