



## Gregory Hunt

**Nationality:** British

**Languages:** English



Gregory Hunt is a leading independent mediator who brings a unique skillset having spent over 26 years working in alternative dispute resolution and on complex civil and commercial disputes.

He has mediated over 140 disputes and worked in over twenty jurisdictions including The UK, Ireland, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Croatia, Greece, Luxembourg, Portugal, Slovenia, New York, Atlanta, Connecticut, Hong Kong and Tunisia.

Gregory's expertise lies in business & consumer services, banking & finance, civil & commercial contracts, communications, construction, creative & media, employment & workplace, energy, insurance, legal services, leisure, transport & tourism, music, partnerships, personal injury & illness, product liability, professional negligence, property, shareholders, sports, wills & probate disputes.

He previously spent over thirteen years with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and its subsidiary IDRS Limited, where he was responsible for incorporating The City Disputes Panel which previously oversaw hundreds of mediations annually. He also spent seven years at The Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and two years with consumer dispute resolution bodies including Ombudsmen, where he held Executive Director roles.

Gregory is a Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council and he has trained over one hundred mediators globally. He is also accredited as a mediator by CEDR and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb).

## Mediation

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Gregory Hunt has mediated over 140 complex matters ranging from 'no monetary value' to £30 million and co-mediated disputes with a value of over £300 million.

He is a member of mediator panels at several institutions and on lists held by many national and international law firms used for sourcing mediators.

## Mediation Style

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Gregory's mediation style has been referred to as "relaxed but active". He places an importance on building rapport with the parties and putting them at ease before the mediation day itself if possible. He has had significant success mediating where strong personalities on either side have clashed. This has been by building an environment in which emotions can be released without derailing chances of settlement. Though he is relaxed and easy to get along with, he is known to be tough when required.

Gregory regularly leads mediator skills training which allows him to incorporate the latest developments and trends.

## Experience

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Types of disputes mediated:-

- *Banking & Finance* - Cases including international banking and corporate finance, accountancy, consumer loans, non-payment of invoices.
- *Construction* - Cases including building works, quality of workmanship, domestic dwellings, rail infrastructure project.
- *Commercial Contract*- Many cases including stock valuations (commodity stocks not financial), sale of business, goodwill value, travel and hospitality, commercial leasing and others.
- *Energy & Natural Resources* - Terms of a contract regarding the sale of Liquid Petroleum Gas.
- *Employment & Workplace* - Cases including allegations of racism, failure to pay transfer fees when re-employing agency staff, non-payment of commission due to a solicitor when leaving practice.
- *Housing* - Social housing disputes including neighbour and boundary disputes.
- *Insurance* - Cases including personal injury and disability discrimination, cancellation of contract.
- *Manufacturing* - Cases including high volume product manufacture, frustration of contract, inventions.
- *Marketing* - Cases including brand valuation, marketing plans.
- *Media & Entertainment* - Cases including commercial contracts of artists, media and IPR (record labels), breaches of copyright, royalties.
- *Partnership* - Cases including sale of business, dissolution of partnership and allocation of remaining assets (3 party international), post dissolution profits following the death of a partner.
- *Personal Injury / Sickness* – Cases including gastric holiday sickness, sickness relating to contagious eye condition, serious injury and death.
- *Professional Negligence* - Cases including alleged professional negligence relating to solicitors, architects, expert witnesses.

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- *Property* - Cases including rights of access, compensation for pulling out of the sale of a house, distribution of proceedings of sale, declaration and subsequent revocation of a declaration of interest in a shared property, property valuations, commercial lease, expulsion, renovations.
- *Sports* - Cases involving football at local and national level, classic cars, motor sports, rugby union.
- *Trust, Wills & Probate* -Cases including each of trust, wills and probate.

## Academic & Professional Qualifications

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### Academic

- BA Hons Business Administration, Upper Second Class Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing

### Professional

- HUNT ADR, Founder, Present
- Previous Global Group Director of Dispute Resolution at CEDR
- Previous Managing Director of IDRS Ltd
- *Previous Business Development Director, Ombudsman Services Ltd*

## Professional Associations & Recognitions

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- Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council (CMC)
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) since 1995
- CIArb Accredited Mediator (2001)
- CEDR Accredited Mediator (2008)
- ADR-ODR International Certified Mediator Trainer (2017)
- Member of the Federation of Small Businesses, Essex Volunteer and member of the Essex Police Business Advisory Group
- Member of the Association of Lancastrians
- Member of the Academic Dispute Resolution Group alongside law lecturers at six UK universities

## Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

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Gregory regularly speaks at conferences and events and is a mediator skills trainer who has worked on ADR projects across 22 different countries.

- Author of the Hunt ADR Mediator Skills Course Workbook
- Guest Lecturer at the University of Exeter and the University of Hull
- Exclusive provider of mediator skills training to the Institute of Paralegals leading to full CMC Accreditation and the IOP Diploma in Mediation
- Exclusive provider of mediator skills training to the University of Ulster International Commercial Law Course leading to full CMC Accreditation
- Addressed, as the first speaker, The Houses of Oireachtas, Ireland on the reading of the Mediation Bill in May 2012

## Directories & Client Quotes

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### Awards

Mediator of the Year UK - Global Awards International Law & Finance - 2022

Commercial Disputes Mediation Expert of the Year UK - Lawyer International - Legal 100 - 2022

Commercial Disputes Mediation Expert of the Year UK - Corporate INTL - Global Awards - 2022

Commercial Disputes Mediation Expert of the Year UK - The Global 100 - 2022

### Client Quotes

*"I appreciated the way he was able to convey his intuition as to whether proposals might or might not be acceptable to the other side"*

*"He strived to find common ground in the midst of entrenched positions. He was excellent."*

*"I thought he was very clear, well informed, level headed, pragmatic. I would use him again."*

*"Very personable and kept everybody up to date without giving away confidentiality of other parties."*

*"...extremely professional and helped us reach a settlement on the day. Very flexible regarding time when we overran on the day."*

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*"Very satisfied with Gregg's contribution on the day. He certainly assisted both parties in getting to a solution."*

*"...he was engaging and recognised we were dealing with some difficult characters...would use him again."*

*"I was impressed with the manner in which he dealt with the difficult issues involved in the case, and the large degree of hostility between the parties."*

*"Gregg was very good, very personable. He put the parties at ease. Very commercially oriented. Very impressed by his initial call explaining the process, managing expectations and gathering some information about the case."*

*"Not only did he approach the situation in a fair and professional manner, he also understood that this was a very stressful time for me, which made the whole process much easier."*