



Mediation Workshop

**CIArb West Midlands Branch Event: 05/04/2023 @ 17:30 BST
To 20:00 BST**

Mediation Workshop held at No5 Barristers' Chambers, Fountain Court, 5 Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, B4 6DR

Who should attend?

This workshop enables delegates to hear from trained mediators in how effective mediation can be a useful method to resolve disputes quickly and cheaply for the parties involved. The delegates will then have the opportunity to be involved in practising their mediation skills in several prepared scenarios designed to highlight strategies used in resolving disputes via mediation

Workshop Facilitators:

- David Leigh-Hunt LLB LLM FCIArb and West Midlands Branch Committee Member
- James Ng LL.B (Hons) MCIArb, JN Legal Consulting and West Midlands Branch Committee Member
- Maria Mulla MCIArb, Barrister and Mediator No5 Barristers' Chambers

Workshop Venue and Catering: No5 Barristers' Chambers, Fountain Court, 5 Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, B4 6DR

The workshop will include the provision of snacks and drinks.

Price and Payment Options

The cost of attendance is £12.00 (£10.00 plus £2.00 VAT: VAT No. 681429029). Places are limited strictly on a first come first served basis and will be confirmed on receipt of payment. If you would like to attend, your booking is to be made by e-mail and payment made by BACS or bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name: CIArb West Midlands Treasurers Account

Sort code: 40-11-18 (HSBC)

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Please quote your surname and organisation as a reference for the payment and send an e-mail to davidleighhunt13@gmail.com with a copy to s.k.shinh@googlemail.com providing your booking details (event, name, organisation, e-mail address) confirming that your payment has been made.

For CIARB Student Members the attendance fee will be waived, however please confirm your attendance if you fall into this category. For any further queries in the event, please contact the West Midlands Chairman Sameer Shinh at s.k.shinh@googlemail.com.

Biographies of the facilitators

David Leigh-Hunt is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a trained civil mediator. David has been a practising solicitor engaged in prosecutions, later undertaking defence work, building up experience in a variety of litigation and ran his own legal firm for over 20 years. From advising and representing clients on legal aid in the days when it was available, David became sensitive to issues of the cost to people and businesses to engage in the legal system to argue for their rights.

As a keen advocate of mediation based on his experiences as a Solicitor, David provides services of arbitration and civil mediation (other than domestic or family matters) and support and advice for solicitors with professional problems or issues with the professional Regulator for matters arising in England under English law. Outside the law and alternative dispute resolution, David is an elected councillor with a district council where he deals with community issues and the problems of local people.



James Ng is a CEDR Accredited Mediator (since 2008) and a Mediator of CCPIT, People's Republic of China (since 2009). He is a Committee Member of the CIARB's West Midlands Branch.

He has more than 20 years' experience in all forms of dispute resolution mechanisms including Court proceedings, International Arbitration and Mediation. James has spoken on these topics at conferences in the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong). James is fully conversant in English, Mandarin (and two other major Chinese languages, Cantonese and Hokkien), Malay and Indonesian languages. His main working language is English



Maria is an International Mediation Institute qualified mediator and accepts instructions to act as a Mediator or as a Mediation Advocate, from both professional clients and on a public access basis.

Maria's practice encompasses dispute resolution, and all aspects of commercial litigation. In her day-to-day practice, Maria has a real interest in matters with an international element and is regularly instructed on matters with a cross border element to them.

In a mediation context, Maria prides herself on her ability to get to the heart of the dispute quickly and on her open, approachable approach. Equally, she also ensures that the parties stay focussed on the ultimate aim – achieving settlement and/or narrowing the issues in the dispute where possible. You will see from Maria's profile that she also has a vast amount of experience in other areas including property litigation, enforcement, defamation/media, contentious probate and entertainment (including royalty disputes), and insolvency matters.

