

Mediation and Arbitration CV

Jonathan Dingle FRSA FSOM FAOA(SA) MCI Arb Barrister-at-Law

Jonathan Dingle is a leading international mediator and internationally experienced arbitrator complimented as “inspiring”, “remarkable” and “incisive” in his work over three decades in many fields. He now specializes in insurance, sport, and complex commercial or organizational cases, often with a National, European or Caribbean dimension. He is regarded as something of an institution in Trans-Atlantic dispute resolution.

His more than 800 cases have included varied construction, civil and commercial matters, high value sports contracts, equine disputes (including injury and sales), football and cricket issues, and Olympic. His feedback from parties is “legendary”. He is supported by a full time dispute resolution assistant who eases the path to arbitration and mediation.

Called as a Barrister of the Middle Temple in 1986 following a distinguished career at sea in the Royal Navy working as a Commander with NATO navies, he later served on operational duties in the Gulf War before becoming a Judge Advocate. He led departments and organisations of three to 300 people in a wide range of environments achieving early promotion.

He entered private bar practice in 1996. He has built a reputation as a leading adviser, negotiator, and practitioner in complex and difficult cases – both in the UK and overseas. He is often instructed in sports and injury claims, as well as where fraud, partnership or regulatory issues have arisen.

As a mediator, his experience of the UK market led to his decision in 2001 to try to create what became the United Kingdom’s Civil Mediation Council in 2003. Working with Sir Brian Neill, Karl Mackie, Richard Schiffer and others, this was a successful venture and he became the first Hon. Secretary, a post which he held for eight years. He has played a major role in influencing judges, practitioners, and stakeholders as to the wisdom and economics of consensual outcomes in even seemingly intractable claims.

He has led more than 200 mediation and arbitration training courses in Europe and internationally which have been universally praised. In doing so, he has already created a generation of mediators worldwide under the facilitative model. He has helped established five Associations worldwide.

“Jonathan Dingle is widely regarded as the epitome of a modern international mediator who brings a relaxed style and a razor-sharp mind to every mediation, helping participants resolve disputes that seemed intractable”

His work was recognized as “Mediation Achiever of the Year” in the 2009 United Kingdom Personal Injury Awards. He leads an acclaimed training course for medico-legal expert witnesses.

As an arbitrator, Jonathan chaired or coordinated a number of panels for the Chartered Institute in London for some years. In 2015 he was honoured with Life Fellowship of the Association of Arbitrators of Southern Africa in recognition for his work in that country. Similar recognition was granted in India, in the Cayman Islands, and in the Bahamas.

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Jonathan's style is relatively informal but should not be mistaken for an absence of a fine seamanlike eye for detail, or a thorough grounding in procedure on which he is widely consulted. His arbitrations as a sole appointment generally proceed faster than the average. His awards are carefully constructed and clear to read – and generally quickly available.

Jonathan's interests include his Morgan, exploring on a motorcycle, theatre and film, and (at least in warm seas) surfing. He is an always an ever optimistic West Bromwich Albion supporter. He is a founding Trustee of the Jeff Astle Foundation for brain injury in sport – in particular dealing with the effects of concussive injuries in professional football.

Background / Education / Professional

The Perse School, Cambridge to 1975
Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth 1976
King's College, London to 1979
Royal Naval College, Greenwich to 1980
Inns of Court School of Law 1985/1986
Middle Temple called 1986
Commander, Royal Navy (retired 1996 after 20 years)
Seven warships, MOD, Whitehall, Judge Advocate, operations

Barrister and International Mediator in independent practice
Joint Head of Chambers of a major London civil law set
Founder and Honorary Secretary of the Civil Mediation Council
Legal Member – Proscribed Organisations Appeals Commission
Bar Council IT Panel Member

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