

Clifford M. Hendler
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Curriculum Vitae

Cliff Hendler is one of North America's foremost commercial mediators.

Cliff has established many of the benchmarks for dispute resolution in Canada. Over the past 30 years, he has been retained on more than 4500 matters and is regarded as an individual who is able to assist in the resolution of the most difficult and hotly debated cases.

His primary practice areas are professional negligence/malpractice, class actions, products liability, personal injury, insurance litigation, commercial fraud, defamation, police matters, institutional sexual abuse matters. His cases have included very high profile and delicate matters that have been successfully resolved away from the public eye.

From 1990 through 2010, he was the founder and president of DRS Dispute Resolution Services LP. From 2010 into 2021 he was with ADR Chambers. He is now practicing out of his own firm, Hendler Mediation Inc. www.hendlermediation.com.

In 1996 Cliff helped establish the The International Academy of Mediators, the premier group of commercial mediators around the world,

Along with his substantial experience in mediation, Cliff has extensive experience in mediation advocacy training. He has been an international guest lecturer/speaker at many universities, organizations and public forums across North America and Europe. He co-managed the development of a mediation advocacy program for the American Bar Association National Institute.

While co-chair of the American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution, Cliff was instrumental in launching the inaugural International Chamber of Commerce Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, France for national and international law schools. He is also a past Chair of the ABA National Institute on Advanced Mediation and Advocacy Skills Training.

In 2008 Cliff co-found the Canadian National Mediation Advocacy Competition and its successor, the International Mediation Advocacy Competition both of which were designed to encourage law schools throughout the world to teach students enhanced skills for representing clients in mediation.

From 2012 through to present, Cliff has been named as a Who's Who "highly recommended" and leading practitioner of commercial mediation for complex and sensitive disputes.

Cliff's charitable work has been centered on issues relating to children and mental health. From 2013 through 2020, he was chair of the Youthdale Treatment Centre Foundation. Youthdale provides comprehensive, integrated mental health services to troubled children and their families.