

The Mediation Process

Mediation is a voluntary and cooperative process requiring goodwill and flexibility from the parties.

Both parties must agree to mediation and seek to reach a workable agreement to settle the dispute to their mutual satisfaction.

Mediation is a flexible process in which Your Mediator helps the parties to draw up the rules for the process and decide how the mediation will be conducted.

The parties remain in control of both the procedure and the result as mediation is designed to specifically meet their needs and allows them to reach a solution acceptable to them.

Over and above conflict resolution, mediation aims to re-establish appropriate communication between the parties and thereby prevent future conflict.

Mediation is conducted in private, in confidence, and in an informal setting conducive to open and frank communication.

Once agreement has been reached, Your Mediator will help in the drafting of terms.

Why choose mediation?

Whether your dispute relates to:

- family law (property or children)
- commercial litigation
- leasing
- your neighbour
- workplace & industrial disputes
- deceased estates
- business or partnership, or
- relationship breakdown,

mediation will offer you a timely, cost-effective alternative to the court process.

You deserve a skilled mediator you can quickly feel comfortable with, and who understands how you feel about your dispute.

Someone who will not impose any viewpoint but understands your pain and frustration with the litigation process.

Someone who will listen to you patiently and won't waste your time.

Someone who knows the law, and will quickly and succinctly identify the issues.

Someone who will help you get your message across to the other party.

Michael Hume

is

Your Mediator



As Your Mediator, Michael Hume places great importance on understanding your position, insightful understanding of the issues and appropriate briefing to brainstorm all settlement options.

Michael Hume's sensitive outline of the process will give you the confidence to navigate the challenges of the process and outcome.

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Why choose Michael Hume?

Michael Hume has practiced in all courts since 1979 as a skilled and robust solicitor advocate and the principal of Sydney Lawyers & Mediators, Acclaim Legal.

As Your Mediator, Michael Hume has a wealth of experience not just at the litigation coalface but in dealing with people who have real, everyday problems that require practical, commonsense solutions.

Michael Hume is aware of the cost pressures and stress of the litigation process. Michael Hume's Best Practice-aligned and highly acclaimed legal practice has a strong focus on cost effective, timely, outcome driven innovative legal services.

Michael Hume brings that same philosophy to the mediation process to facilitate an outcome in your interests.

Together with lateral thinking and refined inter-personal skills, Michael Hume as Your Mediator delivers a proven mediation track record having participated in over 60 mediations.

Credentials

- Harvard trained
- Founding member, Best Practice Lawyers (an interactive group of legal firms committed to providing better value quality legal services, increased client satisfaction and enhanced professionalism)
- Principal Acclaim Legal, winner of the 2004 NSW Telstra Australian Government Micro Business Award
- Co-founder & co-ordinator Burwood Court Pro Bono Rostered Solicitor Scheme
- Regular presenter of workshops on Mediation, Best Practice and Communication Skills for professionals
- Coach with LEADR to India Mediation Workshops (Bangalore and Calcutta)

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