



**Frances Burton**

### **Mediation experience**

Frances is a Mediator who believes that best results can be obtained by a hybrid facilitative and evaluative approach, often much assisted by a sound grasp of the background specialist subject matter of a dispute. She believes however, that this is not essential to good dispute resolution because the skills of principled mediation are highly transferable to any dispute situation.

Frances qualified as a Mediator in 2000 and was a founder member of one of the leading providers which also founded the Civil Mediation Council, ADR Chambers UK (part of the worldwide ADR Chambers Group originated in Canada). She was ADR Chambers' UK's first Executive Director.

She recruited and introduced into the UK the availability of retired Law Lords and Judges of the Court of Appeal and High Court, to provide private resolution of legal matters, using highly skilled Mediators and Arbitrators.

As a Mediator, helping parties to consider the risks and benefits of negotiating settlement, Frances is able to draw on her extensive knowledge of law and procedure gained through her professional background.

Frances is able to mediate over a wide range of family issues generally, with particular specialism in Family Property and Finance (including Inheritance and Cohabitants' rights) and Family Business issues.

### **Professional experience**

Frances' professional experience has included:

- working in a dual role as academic and practitioner at universities in the UK and Europe
- working as counsel in a Chancery, Family and Property practice at the Bar
- former Judge of HM Tribunals Service where she was a Judge of the Upper Tribunal, Administrative Appeals Chamber.

Frances currently continues to train in the UK and in Canada with a Senior Retired Supreme Court Judge to satisfy Continuing Professional Development requirements of the Civil Mediation Council and the EU Code.

