

# IBA E-Book: Mediation Techniques

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Although there are many books about mediation, most of them concentrate on a single topic or have a bias towards the theoretical or philosophical. This book aims to take a different approach. The Mediation Techniques Subcommittee of the International Bar Association felt that there was a need for a practical collection of tips from and for practising mediators of different styles, facing different sorts of issues and still be usable by mediators at an early stage in their career but also to contain sufficient variety to still be interesting to more experienced mediators.

The book stems from a successful session at the past two IBA Annual Conferences entitled Mediation Techniques. There will be another session chaired by the editor of the book, Patricia Barclay, at the 2010 Annual Conference in Vancouver.

The format of this e-book is a series of short essays by practitioners covering the topic from pre-mediation planning through to post mediation follow through, interspersed with pages of short hints and tips to which we hope users will add their own points as their practice develops. The final section of the book deals with the use of mediation in different fields and is intended to provoke debate as to how mediation could be advanced into new areas as well as providing information about topics with which many readers will be unfamiliar. You will find some duplication and much contradiction of advice throughout the book as what works for one person in one situation will be inappropriate for another. It is this flexibility that makes mediation such an attractive form of dispute resolution and this book a valuable resource.

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