



## **ADR and Media Disputes**

6 pm, Thursday, 7 May 2026

Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS)

67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3JB



The CIARB London Branch and the School of International Arbitration of Queen Mary, University of London, are pleased to host this seminar on “ADR and Media Disputes”, with the support of 4-5 Gray’s Inn Square chambers.

The panel will discuss the role of arbitration and mediation in resolving disputes involving the media, including the approach of the UK press regulators to ADR, the management of high-profile disputes and recent developments in court-directed ADR.

## Panel 1: The Press Regulators



**Iain Christie, Moderator**  
**4-5 Gray's Inn Square**

Iain has been a full-time mediator since 2014 (first accredited in 2004) and has resolved hundreds of disputes drawing on his expertise as barrister, diplomat, certified coach and qualified facilitator. He is a Fellow of the Civil Mediation Council and holds a number of quasi-judicial and regulatory roles.



**Lexie Kirkconnell-Kawana**  
**Chief Executive, IMPRESS**

Lexie has been CEO of Impress since April 2023, having previously occupied the role of Head of Regulation from 2019. Lexie is a New Zealand qualified barrister and solicitor who has worked in all forms of media regulation. She previously worked at the Advertising Standards Authority and at the New Zealand Office of Film and Literature Classification.



**Charlotte Dewar**  
**Chief Executive Officer, IPSO**

Charlotte is the Chief Executive Officer of IPSO. Charlotte began her career as an Editorial Assistant at The Guardian. She joined the Press Complaints Commission in 2010, rising to Director of Complaints. She went on to become Director of Operations at IPSO. She has an MBA from Cambridge University's Judge Business School.



**Dr. Gemma Horton**  
**University of Sheffield**

Gemma is Impact Fellow for the Centre for Freedom of the Media in the School of Information, Journalism and Communication, University of Sheffield. She has a PhD from the Department of Journalism Studies at the University of Sheffield and is Editorial Assistant of the European Journal of Communication.

## Panel 2: The Practitioner Perspective



**Prof. Loukas Mistelis, Moderator**  
***Queen Mary, University of London***

Loukas Mistelis is the Clive M. Schmitthoff Professor of Transnational Commercial Law and Arbitration and the Director of the School of International Arbitration at the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London. He is an acknowledged authority on international dispute resolution and investment treaty law. He is a senior equity partner in the London office of Clyde & Co.



**Persephone Bridgman Baker**  
***Partner, Carter Ruck***

Persephone specialises in media and reputation management work, encompassing defamation, privacy and harassment, together with data protection and intellectual property litigation. She advises on reputation management matters for celebrity, high-profile individuals, including defamation, misuse of private information, harassment and stalking.



**Michael Frost**  
***Partner, Mishcon de Reya***

Michael advises on the full spectrum of reputation protection and crisis management issues across a range of forums, jurisdictions, and industry sectors. He regularly provides pre- and post-publication advice and, where necessary, works alongside third-party strategic communications advisers to agree a holistic strategy to protect his client's best interests. He often advises on regulatory challenges to IPSO and OFCOM.



**Michael Kump, Esq. (joining remotely)**

**Partner, Kinsella Holley Iser Kump Steinsapir LLP**

Michael is a California attorney based in Los Angeles. Recognized by the Hollywood Reporter as a “Legal Legend”, he has represented an extraordinary array of celebrity clients. He has extensive experience and success inside and outside the courtroom in intellectual property, entertainment, and media litigation, and is a leading advocate and authority on defamation and privacy.

**Time and Venue:**

- Thursday 7 May 2026 – Room 3.1, Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS), 67-69 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3JB
- 17.30 registration for an 18.00 start
- 19.30 onwards: drinks and networking

**Registration:**

There is no charge to attend this event, but prior registration is required. Please register using this link: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adr-and-media-disputes-tickets-1987125483814?aff=oddtcreator&keep\\_tld=true](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adr-and-media-disputes-tickets-1987125483814?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true)