

## CRITERIA FOR PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The Civil Mediation Council's Accreditation Scheme states that the characteristics of a competent mediator "*engender trust, efficiency and professionalism, and reinforce neutrality and confidence.*" Further, panel mediators will need to demonstrate expertise in and experience of dealing with costs disputes.

Accordingly to join the Panel mediators will be required to meet the following criteria:

- a) Hold a civil and commercial mediation training certification from an approved mediation training provider.
- b) To have observed or conducted at least three civil or commercial mediations in the 12 months prior to joining in order to ensure that they have current practice experience. One of these observerships may be of a role-play nature.
- c) Be an ACL member or otherwise demonstrate a substantial knowledge of legal costs through legal practice experience and/or acting as lead mediator in costs mediations.
- d) Follow the EU Model Code of Conduct for Mediators.
- e) Hold a certificate of professional indemnity insurance with a minimum value of £1,000,000 per claim and contract with ACL to increase the level of indemnity per claim where circumstances make it advisable to do so.

### **Continuing membership of the Panel**

Panel membership will be renewed annually subject to mediators meeting the following criteria:

- a) To have observed or conducted at least three civil or commercial mediations in the previous 12 months. One of these observerships may be of a role-play nature.
- b) To have undertaken at least six hours mediation-specific CPD hours in the previous 12 months. These hours may include:
  - courses offering practical role plays;
  - attendance at seminars, conferences, tutorials and debates on mediation;
  - writing articles on mediation;
  - presenting mediation training, seminars or similar events.

- c) To have undertaken at least six hours of costs-specific CPD in the previous 12 months.
- d) To have undertaken at least six hours of mediation peer review in the previous 12 months in addition to the CPD requirement at b).
- e) Follow the EU Model Code of Conduct for Mediators.<sup>1</sup>
- f) Hold a certificate of professional indemnity insurance with a minimum value of £1,000,000 per claim and contract with ACL to increase the level of indemnity per claim where circumstances make it advisable to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/civiljustice/adr/adr\\_ec\\_code\\_conduct\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/civiljustice/adr/adr_ec_code_conduct_en.pdf)