

# **Nivaaran- Mediators of Supreme Court of India**

*Lecture Series:  
17<sup>th</sup> Lecture*

*Topic: “Mediation Mind Games”*

**Guest Speaker:**



**Rebecca Clark  
IPOS Mediation LLP  
Chair of the Civil Mediation Council**

**Opening Address**



**Varuna Bhandari  
Advocate & Mediator  
Supreme Court of India**

**Closing Address**



**Krishan Mahajan  
Advocate & Mediator  
Supreme Court of India**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022/ Time: 3:00 PM IST/ 10:30 AM BST**

### **About the Session:**

Rebecca Clark will give an insight into the psychological influences at play in a dispute and how to harness them to effectively mediate. Rebecca has a particular interest in the psychology of dispute resolution and, having been both a litigator and client user of mediation before becoming a full-time mediator, she is able to share her experiences from every side of the table.

### **About the Speaker:**

Rebecca is an accomplished and highly effective mediator. Described as “superb”, “outstanding” and “a credit to her profession”, Rebecca has been a full-time mediator with IPOS since 2016. Chair of the Civil Mediation Council and a member of the Court of Appeal specialist mediator panel, Rebecca is passionate about the process and benefits of mediation, regularly speaking at conferences and giving training with a particular focus on the psychology of mediation and negotiation.

Clients regularly comment that Rebecca is especially good at developing an effective rapport and managing difficult conversations. By preparing effectively and adapting each mediation to the needs of the parties, Rebecca calmly and authoritatively manages the process in a way which is perceptive and sensitive, whilst providing robust legal or commercial challenge when needed.

Mediating a wide range of commercial disputes, Rebecca is renowned for both her Financial Services expertise and for disputes involving SMEs. Recognised as a Lead Mediator in both The Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners, she regularly mediates disputes involving breach of contract, professional negligence, fraud, insolvency, breach of warranty and property law matters. With a particular interest in complex, long-running claims involving family businesses and inter-family relationships, Rebecca also regularly mediates shareholder, or quasi-shareholder disputes.

Before becoming a full-time mediator, Rebecca was Head of Litigation at a so-called “bad bank”, a role which resulted in her being awarded Legal Counsel of the Year at the 2013 British Legal Awards, partly as a consequence of her novel approach to resolving classes of disputes by mediation. Her experience as a negotiating party in mediation is unparalleled and gives her a unique insight into the process.

Prior to working in-house, Rebecca set up and managed her own retail business from scratch, receiving the coveted Drapers Award for Childrenswear Retailer of the Year in 2009. As a result of this, Rebecca has substantial business and accounting experience which she can draw upon in her mediation practice, enabling her to understand and empathise with the commercial issues faced by SMEs in a dispute scenario – often acknowledged by commercial parties during mediation. She has also worked as a solicitor-advocate in a large international law firm.

### **About Moderators**

#### **Varuna Bhandari Gugnani, Advocate & Mediator**

Ms. Varuna Bhandari Gugnani is one of the first trained mediator of the Supreme Court of India, Mediation Centre. She has been a Court appointed Mediator, Private Mediator, Arbitrator and Conciliator. With a career spanning over 30 years in Litigation and for the last 12 years she has devoted herself as Peace-Maker towards the promotion and development of the concept of Mediation as the primary tool in resolving disputes and to bring peace and harmony in the society and to deliver 'Justice' in its true sense. She is also a Trainer of Mediators at Supreme Court of India Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) and with Delhi Mediation Centre, New Delhi. She organized Global Pound Conference (GPC) India Series at Chandigarh in May 2017 under the aegis of Punjab & Haryana High Court where the data was collected from all the stakeholders of mediation process i.e. Judges, professors, mediators, corporate, government agencies, students and other parties.

She is a Distinguished Fellow of International Academy of Mediators (IAM) and has organized various awareness Programs on Mediation with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) under the aegis of Chief Justice of India. She has advanced the concept of Mediation at various National Law Colleges, Schools and other Educational institution, and promoted corporate and other private institutions to take "Mediation Pledge". or the last twelve years, she has adopted the ancient Vedic philosophy of Indian Culture embodied in the Sanskrit line 'Santosham Paramam Sukham' (which means Satisfaction is the ultimate happiness) into mediation as 'Mediation is one of the modes for attainment of 'Peace'

## **Krishan Mahajan, Advocate & Mediator**

Krishan Mahajan is a multifaceted personality. He has been a Reporter, Journalist, Author, Law Teacher, Advocate and Mediator at the Supreme Court of India. He is a veteran and at least I have been seeing him in action for the past more than three decades.

### **Registration Details:**

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