

**Anthony Matthews, MA (Cantab), FRSA C.V. Mediator – Denver Colorado**

## **Brāv Iconoclast, Mediator, and GKA Principal**

**GKA International Dispute Resolution**

**University of Cambridge**

**Denver, Colorado**

I am an avid and active mediator and business owner. I mediate and consult privately, and participate in the activities of Brāv, working to introduce dispute resolution techniques into all areas of life.

I believe that mediators should be formally credentialed, and that we need to promote mediation as "often and early" not as a line item in the life of a lawsuit. Mediation is no longer simply "alternative dispute resolution".

I describe myself as an Iconoclast. An iconoclast is an individualist, a bold thinker who challenges tradition, an innovator who seeks to upturn conventional wisdom and create new paradigms. This is who I am in the dispute resolution world.

## **Experience**

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### **Principal**

**Company Name GKA International Dispute Resolution**

**Dates Employed Jan 2018 – Present**

**Employment Duration 4 mos**

**Location Greater Denver Area, Belfast, Madrid**

GKA supports and promotes the rise of mediation as a primary method of dispute resolution. GKA provides mediation services in the domestic and cross-border arena, both as mediators and as advisors, and also provides negotiation and mediation training to lawyers internationally. I will personally continue my mission in two areas: 1) the encouragement of lawyers to use and embrace mediation, and 2) the development of an international certification for mediators.

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**Fellow**

**Company Name The RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce)**

**Dates Employed Mar 2018 – Present**

**Employment Duration 2 mos**

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**Iconoclast**

**Company Name Brāv Conflict Management**

**Dates Employed Nov 2017 – Present**

**Employment Duration 6 mos**

**Location United States**

I'm an active member of Brāv. ([www.Brav.org](http://www.Brav.org)). It's pronounced "brave". Brāv is an interesting network of individuals who are pushing boundaries and opening doors in the area of conflict resolution. I'm taking on some initiatives under that umbrella. One of our goals is to continue to open dispute resolution services and training in new and emerging areas. I'm always open to that discussion if you have any needs or ideas.

I am describing my role at Brāv as "Iconoclast". An iconoclast is an individualist, a bold thinker who challenges tradition, an innovator who seeks to upturn conventional wisdom and create new paradigms. This is who I am in the dispute resolution world.

Please keep in touch.

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## **Principal Mediator**

**Company Name Denver Mediation Services**

**Dates Employed May 2017 – Present**

**Employment Duration 1 yr**

**Location Great Denver Area and worldwide**

Operating a family and business mediation business with a team of experienced mediators. Actively involved in the local mediation community. Member of the Mediation Association of Colorado, The Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee, and the Southern California Mediation Association.

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## **Distinguished 20 year professional career rising to Global Program Manager**

**Company Name The Aerospace Industry**

**Dates Employed Sep 1980 – May 2017**

**Employment Duration 36 yrs 9 mos**

**Location US/International**

### **SUMMARY**

I enjoyed a long career as an engineer, senior manager, and consultant in the aerospace industry, aviation and spacecraft, most recently as Global Program Manager coordinating activity between the US and Indian outlets of a major international corporation. Career activities include:

- Program/Project Manager –high-tech programs for military and commercial aircraft and spacecraft – extensive verification, team management, and customer interaction
- Extensive experience with program management of multi-million dollar programs, team management, complex scheduling, cost control, and risk management. Frequent travel both nationally and internationally. Held customer-facing roles for most of career.
- Project and personnel management as part of corporate matrix organization liaising technical, program, customer, and outside contractor personnel

- External customers: Embraer, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, NASA, USAF, Orbital Sciences
- Strong interpersonal skills; extensive experience as mediator negotiating and resolving interpersonal and business disputes
- Administrator of the LinkedIn Space Program and Project Management Group with 10,000+ members.

#### KEY EMPLOYERS

Esterline Technologies Corporation (Global Program Manager, 18 months)  
 MDA US Systems (Senior Project Manager, 5 years)  
 Aerospace Corporation (Project Engineer/Manager of Cost Engineering, 10 years)  
 OAO Corporation (Mechanical Engineer (6 years)

Between 1998 and 2010 I ran Commonwealth Ventures (see below).

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#### **Senior Mediator**

**Company Name Valley Mediation Los Angeles**

**Dates Employed Mar 2013 – Apr 2017**

**Employment Duration 4 yrs 2 mos**

**Location Los Angeles, California**

Created by two active mediators, VMLA provides mediation services to individuals and businesses in the Los Angeles area. Cases I have mediated include business breakups (dissolutions), landlord-tenant, Homeowner Association, credit card debt negotiation, and workplace.

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#### **President/CEO**

**Company Name Commonwealth Ventures**

**Dates Employed Oct 1997 – Apr 2010**

**Employment Duration 12 yrs 7 mos**

## Location Greater Los Angeles Area

For several years I ran my own online services company full-time, with a staff of up to four people and a customer base of 60,000.

- o Created, programmed and operated membership website with up to 60,000 members worldwide.
- o Performed most of the programming in Perl, PHP, and MySQL
- o Responsible for Marketing, Customer Service and Policy Management
- o Frequent travel to present at conferences and events
- o Participation in two European professional conferences

Company eventually sold.

## **Education**

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**UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE**

### University of Cambridge

Degree Name BA, MA (Cantab)

Field Of Study Engineering/Law



**California State University, Northridge**

Degree Name Certificate of Advanced Professional Development

Field Of Study Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Grade With Distinction

Dates attended or expected graduation 2011 – 2011

Extensive summer course including court practicum (5 solo mediations) and cross-cultural training.