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**Facilitator**  
**Chartered Mediator (C.Med)**  
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Michael Erdle founded Practical Resolutions Inc. in 2011, to help parties resolve business, technology, intellectual property and commercial disputes in an efficient, cost-effective way, through facilitated negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

Michael is one of Canada's most experienced and qualified commercial dispute resolution professionals.

Since 2005, he has successfully mediated resolutions in shareholder and joint venture matters, computer software development and implementation projects, copyright, trademark, patent and trade secret disputes. He has acted as sole arbitrator in cases involving ownership of intellectual property, software licensing, system implementation, and other commercial and contract issues. He has acted as mediator/arbitrator in several matters.

Michael has more than 25 years' experience as a commercial lawyer, specializing in technology and intellectual property. He has negotiated countless agreements and assisted clients in resolving a wide variety of commercial disputes. He is a trained and experienced facilitator, mediator and arbitrator.

Michael is a director of the ADR Institute of Ontario and the ADR Institute of Canada. He is a past president of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, a past director of the Canadian IT Law Association and a past chair of the Toronto Computer Lawyers Group. Michael has written and spoken on many current issues in technology and intellectual property law. He has lectured at Osgoode Hall Law School and McGill University. He currently teaches a course in "Powerful Negotiation Skills" at University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies.

### **Areas of Expertise**

#### **Information Technology**

- Outsourcing
- Managed Services
- Electronic Commerce
- Software Development
- Software Licensing
- Data Licensing
- Distribution
- Internet Products & Services
- Research and Development

#### **Business Disputes**

- Media and Entertainment
- Franchising
- Joint Ventures
- Contract Disputes
- Shareholder Disputes
- Partnership Disputes
- Licensing
- Financing

#### **Intellectual Property**

- Copyright
- Industrial Designs
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Trade Secrets

#### **Privacy**

- Personal Privacy Rights
- Access to Information
- Personality Rights

### **Professional Recognition**

*Best Lawyers in Canada*<sup>®</sup> – Alternative Dispute Resolution, Technology Law  
*Canadian Legal Expert*<sup>®</sup> *Directory* – Leading Practitioner, Computer & IT Law  
*Expert / American Lawyer Guide to the Leading Lawyers in Canada* – Technology Transactions  
*IAM 250: The World's Leading Patent and Technology Licensing Lawyers*  
*Who's Who Legal Canada* – Internet & E-Commerce  
*The International Who's Who of Internet, e-Commerce & Data Protection Lawyers*

## ***Selected Mediation and Arbitration Experience; Panels***

- Interim Arbitrator in application for urgent interim relief
- Mediator/arbitrator in telecommunications contract dispute
- Sole Arbitrator/Mediator in computer system implementation case; settled by mediation
- Sole Arbitrator in film distribution dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in international software development and distribution dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in hardware and software distribution dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in software development dispute
- Sole Arbitrator in software and system development and implementation disputes
- Sole Arbitrator in software ownership dispute
- Mediator in technology licensing disputes
- Mediator in trademark infringement and “passing-off” cases
- Mediator in patent ownership dispute
- Mediator in copyright ownership and infringement disputes
- Mediator in software development and implementation disputes
- Mediator in Internet web portal development and implementation dispute
- Mediator in joint venture, shareholder and partnership disputes
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center List of Neutrals
- IP Neutrals of Canada (intellectual property mediation and arbitration service)
- International Trademark Association (INTA) Trademark Neutrals Network
- Roster Arbitrator, Independent Film and Television Alliance Arbitration Panel

## ***Mediation and Arbitration Training***

Advanced Mediation Workshop  
World Intellectual Property Organization  
Arbitration and Mediation Center  
Geneva, Switzerland

Advanced Mediation Course  
Stitt Feld Handy &  
University of Windsor Law School  
Toronto, Ontario

International Commercial Arbitration  
(Accelerated Path to Fellowship)  
Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Intensive IP Arbitration Course  
Canadian Bar Association & ADR Institute of Canada

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Ontario

## ***Professional Associations***

Director, ADR Institute of Ontario  
Ontario Director, ADR Institute of Canada  
Past Director, Canadian IT Law Association  
Canadian Bar Association  
Member, National IP Section  
Ontario Bar Association  
Member, Technology and Intellectual Property  
Section  
Member, Licensing Executives Society  
Member, Information Technology Association of  
Canada

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Member, Toronto Commercial Arbitration Society  
Member, IP Neutrals of Canada  
Member, INTA Trademark Neutrals Network  
Past-President and Fellow,  
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada  
Member, IPIC ADR Committee  
Past Chair, IPIC Domain Names Committee  
Past Chair, Toronto Computer Lawyers’ Group  
Member, International Technology Law Association