



UK: Mediation scheme to help in copyright disputes

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UK trade group ACID (Anti Copying in Design) has launched a campaign to encourage mediation instead of litigation in intellectual property disputes.

The national campaign, called 'Mediate To Resolve,' is thought to be a first for UK designers and manufacturers.

Created to offer a real alternative to costly litigation, the initiative aims to bring parties together with the support of a mediator to resolve alleged copying complaints while avoiding legal intervention.

Dids Macdonald, ACID's CEO, says: "So often mediation can prevent potential inflammatory legal disputes become realistic out of court settlements where, for example, a commercial agreement can be made.

"I know of many designers who have walked away from mediation with a royalty or licence agreement in their pocket rather than a hefty legal bill."

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