



The Honourable Louise Otis

Lawyer and mediator

Louise Otis is an active mediator at the national and international levels. She is also a deputy judge for the Administrative Tribunal of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

From 1993 to 2009, Ms. Otis was a judge for the Quebec Court of Appeal, where she developed a judicial mediation system that is used as a model around the world.

Ms. Otis regularly participates in international governance and justice reform missions. She has served as an expert consultant for justice reform in Haiti and Mali. She designed a model system of transitional justice to be used in cases of natural disasters or armed conflict. She has helped a number of countries, including France, Belgium, Russia, Brazil, Australia and Mali, to establish judicial mediation systems.

In December 2006, Kofi Annan, United Nations Secretary General, appointed her to a group of experts charged with redesigning the UN's administrative justice system.

Ms. Otis has headed countless mediations. She has published a number of articles and given lectures and training on negotiation and mediation on every continent.
