

DISPUTE RESOLUTION WITH FOCUS

Patrick Walker is noted for his mediation skills in both Chambers and Legal 500 Directories. He enjoys 1st ranking in Legal 500. In 2009 he became one of the first 7 UK mediators certified by the International Mediation Institute (IMI).

Patrick specialised in property law for over thirty five years and has earned a reputation as a leader in that field, appearing in all courts, the Lands Tribunal and the Agricultural Land Tribunal. He has many years experience as a Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge. With over 15 years' experience as a mediator he has mediated most types of commercial disputes and is frequently struck by the contrast between disillusioned parties at trial and satisfied parties at mediation. Legal directory references note that he manages to combine 'a measured professional and firm' approach with a 'light, friendly and inclusive' touch. He brings a highly-informed and pragmatic approach to all disputes including property, broad commercial disputes and family and trust matters'.

Patrick conducts mediations with perception and authority in both his specialist field of property law and in a wide variety of commercial disputes. He is experienced in multiparty disputes and is equally used to working with Leading Counsel or litigants in person. He works nationally and has a high success rate. Areas of expertise include:

- Professional negligence (particularly solicitors and surveyors)
- Easements including rights of way and light
- Restrictive covenants
- Commercial landlord and tenant
- Building disputes
- Agriculture
- Contentious probate and estate issues
- Boundaries
- Shareholder disputes

In addition, Patrick has experience in many types of commercial disputes including intellectual property and compulsory purchase and in areas as diverse as personal injury, nuisance, family and trust matters



"In Place of Strife's Patrick Walker is 'an exceptional mediator, who is easy to work with, trustworthy and focused - his no-nonsense approach is to be admired and he is skilful in handling difficult clients'. Walker has a significant property and commercial background and has worked full time as a mediator since 2016; he is highly regarded for his mediation of disputes, including professional negligence, contentious probate, share purchases and construction matters."
1ST CATEGORY RANKING, Legal 500 2020

The 'first-class' Patrick Walker is an 'exceptional mediator' who is 'very able to keep parties calm and to cut through the issues'. 'He obviously spends quite a lot of time in preparation before the day, and quickly forms a clear idea of how he feels time can best be spent.' His role as a Deputy High Court Judge also sets him apart."
Legal 500 2013

"Patrick Walker receives equal acclaim for his expertise in commercial and legal issues, and for his deft, understated client handling. He is active in areas including partnership disputes, property, probate and employment, and sources comment that 'he's very proactive in helping guide the parties to a position where they could settle.'"
Chambers Directory 2015

Clients are 'always impressed' with the 'measured, professional and firm' Patrick Walker. He 'demonstrates very quickly that he is to grips with all of the issues', and has 'the gravitas and the right bedside manner with some emotional and fraught clients'. He is also noted for 'his laidback but confident approach, and willingness to ask questions that others may shy

away from'."

Legal 500 2012

"an extremely able mediator with a fast growing reputation. He 'combines a strong intellect, great personal skills with an absolute determination to bring about a successful resolution.' More than this, he is

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