



Patrick Walker has consistent **1st category ranking for his mediation skills in both Chambers and Legal 500 Directories**. In 2009 he became one of the first 7 UK mediators certified by the International Mediation Institute (IMI). He is described in 2023 Chambers Directory **“he has a great track record and is one of the top mediators in the country”**.

Patrick specialised in property law for over forty 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 25 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, offering 'everything you want from a mediator'. He brings a highly-informed and pragmatic approach to all disputes including property, broad commercial disputes and family and trust matters. Chambers Directory 2019 comments include "He's unbelievable at getting results in difficult situations; he's very objective and has high emotional intelligence so understands people.' 'He is well prepared, impartial and good at gaining trust. He gently guides people in the right direction.'

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. He is a leader in on-line mediation, having completed more than 100 per annum since 2020. Areas of expertise include:

- Professional negligence (particularly solicitors and surveyors)
- Contentious Probate, Inheritance and Estate issues
- Share Purchase Agreements
- Partnership disputes
- Commercial contract
- Insurance disputes
- Easements including rights of way and light
- Restrictive covenants
- Commercial landlord and tenant
- Building disputes

- Development and overage disputes
- Agriculture
- Boundaries
- Shareholder disputes
- Energy and Utility Company disputes
- Trust management and fiduciary duties
- Statutory rights and CPO
- Sporting Rights
- Common Land
- Mines and minerals
- Contamination claims

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.

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"always well prepared and quickly hones in on the real issues – great attention to detail, patience and persistence." 1st category ranking and Hall of Fame Legal 500 2023

"enjoys a sterling reputation as a mediator. Patrick is attuned to the personalities involved, very well prepared and able to gain the trust of clients." 1st category ranking Chambers and Partners 2021

"He goes above and beyond and directs the parties skilfully to the heart of the dispute." 1st category ranking, Legal 500 2021

"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

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