

DISPUTE RESOLUTION WITH FOCUS

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).

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 sits part-time as 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)
- Contentious Probate, Inheritance and Estate issues
- Share Purchase Agreements
- 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
- 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.



The 'incredibly creative and effective' Patrick Walker (Independent)'s 'obvious emotional intelligence allows him to keep the parties engaged, whilst at the same time testing the issues so as to really move matters on; he has a range of techniques which he uses to encourage parties to see their cases from a different perspective, while at the same time encouraging them to bridge the gaps'. Walker is well known for property litigation, including compulsory purchase, rights to light, flooding claims, and fraud and loan agreements, but he has broadened his practice to include professional negligence, construction, share purchase, M&A, and trusts and probate disputes, as well as pharmaceutical and commercial contract matters. 1st CATEGORY RANKING Legal 500 2017

Patrick Walker is a widely respected mediator with a real estate litigation background whose practice covers a range of commercial matters. He is regularly instructed to mediate disputes involving professional negligence, construction, M&A and fraud elements. One commentator reports that he is "thoughtful, diligent and always determined to get a result." Another attests: "He is easy to get along with and stuck at it when my client was ready to throw the towel in. Patrick is relaxed and approachable but also candid and robust." 1st CATEGORY RANKING Chambers Directory 2018

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"Patrick Walker 'earns the badge of being absolutely first-class'. 'He has a vast amount of energy and stamina', and sits as a deputy high court judge: 'his gravitas and experience on the bench is particularly useful'. He is also quick to recognise the strengths and weaknesses of the respective parties' cases', and 'remains good-humoured, yet pushes parties towards settlement.' He is also considered a 'top-pick mediator for commercial property disputes'." 1st CATEGORY RANKING, Legal 500 2016