

DISPUTE RESOLUTION WITH FOCUS

Patrick Walker has **1st category ranking** 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 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)
- 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



Highly regarded mediator Patrick Walker garners praise from market sources for being "very measured, experienced" and "thoroughly prepared." He acts as mediator on a broad range of disputes, with recent experience including property, professional negligence, shareholder, construction and commercial contract claims. One impressed source comments: "From early in the day, he is very much focused on trying to find the leverage to get the settlement." **1st CATEGORY RANKING Chambers Directory 2016**

The 'first-class' Patrick Walker offers 'everything you want from a mediator', attracting praise for his 'user-friendly and flexible style' and ability to 'secure the confidence of even the most difficult clients'. His 'calm and thoughtful manner allows him to reach intelligent solutions' and 'maintain good relationships with all parties, while testing their respective cases with firmness and a good grasp of the facts'. **1st CATEGORY RANKING Legal 500 2015**

"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**

"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 2014**