

Patrick Walker

Patrick Walker is noted 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 was called to the Bar in 1979 and spent 20 years in Chambers in Leeds. He was a founder member of the specialist commercial set, Chancery House Chambers. He was accredited as a mediator by the ADR Group in 1997 and has since also trained and qualified with CEDR. In 1999 he moved to Hammonds solicitors as Director for Advocacy where he appears in all courts, the Lands Tribunal and the Agricultural Land Tribunal. He both conducts and advocates in mediations. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge, Recorder (Civil) and as a non-statutory Inspector.

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



“Excellent confidence and rapport- building... with an effective challenge to (the clients’) perception of their position”

“The style and manner of the Mediator was personal and yet objective”

“Very diplomatic with ‘human’ issues”

“Comfortably the most impressive mediator I have used”

“On this occasion the Mediator’s performance could accurately be said to be faultless. A settlement was achieved against a difficult background. Great patience was needed.”

“Hugely experienced mediator” Chambers Directory 2011

“Continues to impress” Legal 500 2010

“Considerable gravitas and superb communication skills...skilled in the art of the possible.” Chambers Directory

“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 ‘proactive, sensible, thorough’ and ‘focused’.” Legal 500