

# Tanfield Chambers

## David Daly

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## Areas of Practice

Business & Commercial  
Property  
Employment  
Public Access

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## Career

1979 Called to the Bar

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## Profile

David is a former Assistant Director of Legal Services of a large London Borough and he is regularly instructed by Local Authorities in relation to a variety of matters to do with land or employment. Nowadays he spends almost as much time as a Mediator as he does in court and has accepted instructions as a mediator in over 100 Commercial Mediations. The subject areas have included leasehold enfranchisement, disrepair, landlord and tenant, payment of professional fees, failure to deliver goods on time, building contracts, discrimination, misconduct in employment and stress at work and agency.

Additionally, David has a substantial property practice, with particular expertise in planning and compulsory purchase, housing, landlord and tenant and wills and probate. He regularly presents planning inquiries ranging from large road schemes to planning enforcement.

In Employment, David has a particular specialism in discrimination.

He is also a practitioner in immigration law and deals with cases ranging from entry clearance to asylum.

He is registered to provide Direct Access advice in all his practice areas.

David is fluent in French, Italian and Spanish and has a working knowledge of German and Portuguese.

## Experience

### Property

#### Significant Mediations

Dispute between five representatives of a Residents Association and a Housing Association concerning disrepair on an estate of 250 Leasehold dwellings. Potential dispute value £10,000,000. The dispute was particularly interesting because of an agreed approach to confidentiality which was necessary to ensure the involvement of other residents.

Dispute between leaseholder and joint freeholders involving four parties - originally valued at £200,000.

Leaseholder dispute in which a leaseholder claimed damages from the owner of the flat above, whose building works had caused the ceiling to fall in. The consequential noise and disturbance was the main subject of the dispute.

Commercial leaseholder claim arising out of the fact that the lease had made no provision for access to the toilets for office staff. Also included claim for disrepair.

Dispute under Leasehold Reform Act regarding claim to purchase the freehold of a property worth £200,000.

Bitter and complex dispute between two neighbouring building companies over rights of access and inappropriate erection of scaffolding.

Two neighbours had locked horns in the Chancery Division of the High Court on the issue of refusal of access to back garden and boundary encroachment.

Planning dispute over unpaid expert's fees.

### Business & Commercial

Dispute under the European Agency Regulations involving payment of fees to an agent by his principal.

Building dispute worth £100,000 combined with an allegation of unfair investment advice relating to an Iranian Company.

## Testimonials

I'd like to thank David for his unflappability, humour and very down to earthness which was exactly what was needed in this mediation' **Feedback from client (19.05.2008)**

## Memberships

Member, Planning and Environment Bar Association  
Member, SHLA (Social Housing Law Association)  
Member, ELBA (Employment Law Bar Association)  
Member, ALBA (Administrative Law Bar Association)

## Qualifications

MSc in Conflict Resolution and Mediation Studies, Birkbeck College, University of London  
Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution mediator  
BA (hons) French and Spanish, Birkbeck College, University of London  
LLB (hons) AKC Kings College, University of London