

TANFIELD

PROPERTY & REAL ESTATE BARRISTERS



Gary Webber

Gary Webber is a full-time mediator who has mediated over 600 disputes. By background he is a barrister and has extensive experience both as a barrister and a mediator in a wide range of commercial and property disputes. He is a founder member of The Property Mediators and an associate member of Tanfield Chambers.

He is the co-author, with Daniel Dovar, of *Business Premises: Possession and Lease Renewal*, 7ed (Sweet & Maxwell) and co-author of *Residential Possession Proceedings*, 10ed (Sweet & Maxwell)"

Mediation

Gary has extensive experience, both as a barrister and as a mediator, in landlord and tenant disputes (commercial and residential) and disputes involving boundaries, rights of way and other easements, restrictive covenants, property joint ventures, co-ownership and other areas of property law. He also has a great deal of experience in family disputes having mediated many cases between parents and children, siblings, separating couples and divorcing partners. Much of this work has related to the dissolution of family businesses, co-ownership, inheritance and administration of estates.

Gary's style is relaxed, friendly and empathetic. He listens carefully so as to understand what the parties really want and to extract those interests from the various matters that get encrusted onto disputes. He focuses on solutions and steers the parties in that direction from an early stage in the mediation. He is exceedingly patient but will speak plainly when required. His background in property law allows him quickly to grasp any technical issues, to suggest possible solutions and to help with the practical matters that arise

during drafting. Except in limited circumstances he is not the sort of mediator who goes on late into the night.

Recommendations

"My clients and I were delighted with the sensitive but businesslike way you dealt with the mediation, grasping the important key points at an early stage and maintaining pace and progress throughout, towards the eventual (seemingly inevitable) development of a mutually acceptable settlement."

James Taylor, Wards

"Gary was fantastic. He took the time to understand my clients' concerns and build a rapport with them, but also knew when to put pressure on to move things along towards a settlement. I shall certainly be recommending him to other clients."

Joanne Wicks QC, Wilberforce Chambers

"As with the appointment of a single joint expert, it can take several months before parties agree the appointment of a mediator. Not so with Gary Webber. His appointment was approved by both sides without question: a testament to his experience and reputation. As a result of Gary's skilful handling the parties achieved a successful result at mediation and avoided the cost and heartache of proceedings."

Azeam Akram, MTG Solicitors

"I found Gary's approach as a mediator to be very direct which enabled the parties to focus on the objective of the mediation very early on. At some mediations that I have been to you spend the first three of four hours getting nowhere but with Gary we felt that progress was being made at every stage. Although we did not settle the dispute that day it was only a matter of days later that a settlement was agreed and Gary's assistance was much appreciated."

Andrew Robins, Kyriakides & Braier

"Gary is a first rate mediator. He is effective, enthusiastic and popular with clients. Should the parties approach a stalemate, he will always search hard for a fresh, creative approach to finding a solution."

Jane Senior, Wright Hassall

"Gary was extremely patient and thorough, and enabled us to reach a sound business settlement that all the parties were very happy with."

Michael Large, Thomas Eggar LLP

"Gary Webber has a very relaxed mediation style which quickly wins the confidence of parties and allows him to craft solutions to their problems that they might not have thought of themselves."

Tim Russ, Clarke Willmott