



Toby Walker

Civil and Commercial Mediator

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Practice Overview

Toby brings to mediation a wealth of experience from his litigation practice, as well as insights from the Courtroom as a Solicitor Advocate. He is a Director and Head of Dispute Resolution at his firm based in Oxford. Whilst he has knowledge of the legal framework of most disputes, Toby tries to explore the practical and financial needs of parties involved, using that understanding to help them move towards a workable solution. Toby seeks to gain parties' confidence early in the process and takes a pragmatic, creative and commercially-minded approach.

Professional Background

Toby originally trained and practiced as a solicitor in London before moving to a law firm based in Oxford, which was established in 1789. Toby leads the Dispute Resolution team and is a Director of the firm.

Toby advises on most Civil, Chancery and Commercial disputes. He has successfully conducted cases to trial or other favourable outcomes for his clients, in the areas of professional negligence, breach of contract, boundaries and land, and inheritance claims. Whilst dealing with most property disputes, including Landlord & Tenant, Toby has developed a specialism in the area of trusts of land, including constructive or resulting trusts, and claims of proprietary estoppel.

Toby's clients include multinational organisations, SMEs, commercial landlords, independent schools as well as private individuals and some charities.

An ardent proponent of the mediation process as an alternative to litigation, Toby regularly speaks and writes on the subject. A favourite quote of Toby's is by Winston Churchill: "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."

Endorsements

"After 25 years of good old fashioned litigation I would have described myself as a mediation sceptic, that is, until I experienced Toby Walker and the team at ADRg who showed me and my clients how its really done and why it can be relied upon to produce results. I now rank mediation services not just above the 'austerity' Courts we are getting used to but just about any court in the land." - Allyn Walton, Solicitor for the Working Men's Club and Institute Union

"Toby was able to quickly grasp and navigate our complex and acrimonious dispute towards a settlement. This resulted in a quick and cost-effective conclusion. It also avoided potentially costly litigation and all the time, resources and risk that entails." - Hayley Beer-Gamage, Chief Executive, Experience Oxfordshire

"Toby is always in command of the details of a case and has excellent tactical instincts" - Will Beetson, Barrister, 42 Bedford Row Chambers



"Very informed, excellent level of experience. Toby was very quick to understand my situation and advise accordingly. With Toby I have a high level of confidence that I have the best person for the job working with me."
- Sally Lavis

"I would recommend Toby Walker to any client with a claim involving property or commercial/contractual issues. He provides a great service and will give any client a great chance of achieving a good result from any litigation."
Winston Jacob, Barrister, Lamb Chambers

Other Experience

Toby is a member of the Property Litigation Association and the Solicitors' Association of Higher Court Advocates

Personal Interests

Toby enjoys reading, cooking and most sports.

Areas of Specialism

Boundary Dispute
Construction
Employment
Landlord & Tenant
Property
Real Estate
Right of Way
Wills and Probate