

David Harris

Civil & Commercial, Workplace and
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Practice Overview

David uses his highly **pragmatic approach** to resolve difficult and **seemingly intractable disputes**. He has a relaxed approach whilst listening to parties' needs and concerns and then steering them towards a resolution of their differences.

David draws upon **over 30 years of experience as a commercial litigation solicitor**. His knowledge and understanding of the technical and procedural issues (and the costs) that can bog down parties in litigation help him to grasp very quickly the best route forward for the parties and where appropriate to press the parties to reality test their current position.

David has a calm and relaxed style but he is not afraid of taking a **"hands on" approach** and being blunt with the parties where it is necessary. He also has experience of handling mediations where there are language barriers and the parties have brought translators along to assist them.

Professional Experience

David is a partner in the niche commercial solicitors practice, Chandler Harris LLP and has practised as a solicitor for over 30 years. He is a fully accredited commercial mediator.

The cases and mediations that David has worked on include:

Construction and **property** litigation and disputes.

Disputes regarding **possession of land/contested possession** claims and **boundary-possession** title issues

Insolvency cases (including disputes with **Liquidators** and **Trustees in Bankruptcy**)

Clinical negligence cases

Breach of Contract

Solicitors' negligence cases

Shareholder and director disputes

Deceit and paternity fraud cases

Probate and **wills** disputes

Trusts disputes

Healthcare service contract disputes

Inheritance and **family** disputes

Racial discrimination in **education** and in the **workplace**

Sex and gender discrimination

Accounting and auditing disputes

FCA conduct and compliance disputes

IT Consultancy and services disputes

Disputes with public bodies regarding costs of **health, social care and housing**



Construction cases
Engineering and machinery disputes
Debt recovery
Housing Disrepair
Wills and Probate disputes
Workplace disputes
Charity Disputes
Energy Contracts and Brokerage Disputes
Libel and malicious falsehood disputes
Property disputes within families and claims made pursuant to the **Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996**
Disputed **fire damage** and **insurance claims**
Claims for **professional negligence** against **solicitors, accountants, surveyors, architects, financial advisers, insurance brokers and stockbrokers.**
Disputes regarding **breach of contract, interpretation of contracts** and **losses arising from breach of contract.**
Intellectual property disputes (including **trademark passing off** and **copyright claims**)
Employment disputes
Complex **property** and **shareholder** disputes
Disputes between **liquidators and company directors.**
Disputes between **employers and employees, former employees, former directors**
Disputes regarding **computer software**
URL and Website litigation.
Media disputes

Partnership disputes and **dissolutions.**
Litigation regarding **commercial agents** and termination claims against principals.
Credit Hire cases
Sports law
Energy disputes (including **energy supply** disputes)
Right to Light disputes
Bankruptcy disputes
Loan Recoveries
Disputed debts
Disputes between directors of companies and **receivers/administrators** and banks regarding the powers of **banks and the powers of receivers appointed by banks**
Resolving **boundary, land ownership and neighbour issues.**
Right of Light disputes
Disputes regarding **care home fees, private recovery** and **local authority** funding
Mental capacity, powers of attorney and **court of protection** disputes.
Complicated disputes regarding the **prejudice of minority shareholders' interests.**
Civil Fraud
Tolata (Trustees of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996) claims
Personal injuries
Equipment leasing disputes
Environment disputes
Regulatory matters
Religious and racial discrimination disputes



Family disputes

Disputes between companies regarding **faulty goods and services** and problems with the **supply chain**.

Harassment and **false imprisonment** proceedings

Disputes regarding **asbestos pollution** of properties

Matters relating to the **accommodation** and **welfare of asylum seekers**

Social Housing matters

Health and Safety matters

Licensing disputes

Endorsements

"An astute tactition, a patient and skilled negotiator and an excellent communicator.."

"…David is patient, thoughtful and very practical in his approach to problem solving…"

"Started at 10AM, done and dusted by just gone 2 on a matter that had been dragging on for years. Both client and I very impressed. Would definitely use David again."

"…David provides pragmatic advice and is very persuasive to parties in settlement negotiations. His skills lie in getting parties to understand their strengths and weaknesses, the costs of litigation, and attention to detail, whilst having a friendly manner…"

"...Having had a recent mediation with David, I left very impressed. He managed the process with the upmost professionalism and was willing to go the extra mile to try and achieve a settlement. I have already recommended him to other clients!.."

"David was fully up to speed on the case and dealt with a very difficult situation brilliantly. He was patient but forceful and managed to get a satisfactory solution for both sides. Much appreciated."

Areas of Specialism

Accounting
Banking
Bankruptcy
Boundary Dispute
Civil Fraud
Commercial
Company
Construction
Contract
Debt Recovery
Employment
Energy
Engineering
Environmental
Equipment Leasing
Family (Commercial Mediation)
Financial Services



Health & Safety
Healthcare
Inheritance
Insolvency
Insurance
Intellectual Property
IT
Landlord & Tenant
Libel
Licensing
Media
Partnership
Personal Injury
Professional Negligence
Property
Real Estate
Regulatory
Religion
Right of Way
Right to Light
Shareholder Dispute
Social Housing
Sport
TOLATA
Trusts
Wills and Probate
Workplace