

# Jonathan Arkush Civil and Commercial Mediator



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## **Practice Overview**

Jonathan Arkush has more than 30 years' experience in commercial chancery, contested probate and real estate disputes. Besides his vast knowledge of the law, in mediation, he is well versed in asking the penetrating questions designed to flush out the parties' real views on the merits of their case and expose its strengths, weaknesses and risks. Commercial mediation is a proven means of achieving a successful settlement outcome on the day and that is reflected in his experience and success rate. By temperament and experience he is not overawed by difficult parties or their representatives.

#### **Professional Background**

Jonathan has conducted more than 350 mediations concerning a wide range of disputes, including inheritance, wills and probate, negligence (both professional and otherwise), breach of contract, breach of trust, commercial and residential property, contested shares in property, boundary and neighbour disputes, family trusts and settlements, disputes between members of charitable and religious bodies, sale of goods and banking disputes. These mainly involved substantial amounts at stake, frequently in the high 6 figures and, in the case of the trusts and settlements matters in particular, in 7 figures. He received the ADRg Award 2006 for his contribution to ADR and was cited as one of the group's most successful mediators.

#### Other experience

Jonathan was called in 1977. Jonathan is a senior barrister with great experience of appearing in courts of all levels including the Supreme Court. He was appointed as Deputy Master in the Chancery Division (now the Business and Property Court) in 2002 and this has helped him to keep a firm hand on difficult situations and assess rival contentions tactfully and with impartiality and fairness.

#### **Professional Memberships**

In addition to being an accredited mediator with ADR Group, he is on the Mediation Panels of: Property Bar Association, Chancery Bar Association, Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists.

Jonathan contributed the chapter on Landlord and Tenant Disputes to ADR and Commercial Disputes, Sweet & Maxwell, 2002.

### **Areas of Specialism**

Banking Boundary Dispute Commercial Contract Inheritance

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