

## George Patros BSc (Hons), LL.B (Hons), LL.M, MCI Arb, Barrister, Visiting Lecturer at BPP Law School & IBA

IS A QUALIFIED MEDIATOR (Elite Mediator)

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### General Information

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**Ranked 5th on the UK Mediation National Database Panel, George Patros has a unique background, formerly a Surveyor and now a highly experienced and leading Barrister & Elite Mediator with an impressive success and satisfaction rate with 25 years PQE.** He has been appointed as a Mediator in excess of 200 Mediations.

George is highly regarded for his analytical skills, client care and effective communication having worked at **International Magic Circle Firms, Barristers chambers in the Strand**, now practising at **2 Kings Bench Walk Chambers, Visiting Lecturer at BPP Law School, Legal Director of Central London practice, BLS Law & Mediation committee member of the International Bar Association.**

George has a **particular expertise** in the field of **Property, Landlord and Tenant, Trusts (with particular expertise in TOLATA disputes) COMMERCIAL/CONTRACT disputes;; Inheritance/Probate/Trusts & Construction/ Building / COMMERCIAL** disputes having initially gained a Surveying degree being **ranked First at his University and awarded the National Estates Gazette Prize** Prior to reading law and having worked for several years at a leading international Surveying consultancy practice and also at a leading magic circle firm specialising in Property/Construction/Tolata litigation. This has enabled him to develop extensive experience in often complicated negotiations ranging from two participants to multi-jurisdictional disputes with up to twenty participants both at the pre-litigation stages and also during the litigation process itself. He has been appointed as a mediator in a large number of Property/Construction/TOLATA/Inheritance & Probate disputes. He is able to consider matters laterally from both a Surveyors & Barristers perspective which is invaluable in his areas of expertise.

#### Areas of Expertise

- **PROPERTY (all aspects)**
- Conveyancing disputes
- Easements & Rights of Way
- Land & Boundary Disputes
- Misrepresentation
- Land Use
- Option Agreements
- Neighbour Disputes
- Nuisance
- Party Wall Agreements
- Property Insurance disputes
- **COMMERCIAL/CONTRACTUAL DISPUTES**
- **LANDLORD & TENANT (all aspects-commercial & residential)**
- Disrepair
- Forfeiture
- Trespass
- Rent review
- Service Charge Disputes
- Dilapidations
- Breach of Covenant
- **TOLATA Disputes**
- **INHERITANCE/PROBATE/TRUST Disputes**
- Resulting/Constructive Trusts
- Cohabitation
- Proprietary Estoppel
- Capacity
- Undue Influence
- S.9 Validity (Will)
- Knowledge & Approval
- **Building Disputes**
- **Construction & Engineering**
- **Professional Negligence (Surveyors & Solicitors)**

- Partnership/Shareholder/Director Disputes
- Special Educational Needs

#### Feedback

"My client and I instructed George to act as mediator in a construction dispute between a homeowner and builder. The builder was acting as a litigant in person, which created various difficulties throughout the case, and was a concern as we approached mediation. However, **George managed the litigant in person excellently**, and recognised early on the appropriate approach needed with him in terms of how much pressure to apply, and managed to assist us in seeing through the mediation to a **successful settlement** by the end of the day. George was focussed throughout, well prepared, and **his expertise both as a barrister, and a former surveyor, were perfect for this type of case. He was professional and approachable throughout the day, and I would not hesitate to use him again in the future.**" - **Stephensons Solicitors LLP**

"**George Patros was extremely effective** He displayed a combination of legal knowledge with sensitive reactions and demeanour. If I was to need Mediation again, **I would not hesitate in choosing Mr Patros.**" - **Portcullis Property Lawyers**

"**As a mediator I found you calm, measured, objective and precise to the point.**" - **Eastwest Cargo Services Ltd**

"**Very good and helpful.**" - **BHW Solicitors**

"**Excellent.**" - **Abbotsley Ltd**

"**I would definitely consider using Mr Patros again he was superb in sometimes difficult circumstances and was a great asset to assisting in the resolution of this dispute.**" - **Biscoes Law**

"**An informative and clear mediation experience. George provided all the support required to both parties. A very positive experience.**" - **CSB Solicitors**

"**I am more than happy that George did all he could and got as near as anyone could have. He put our minds at ease with what was happening and was very knowledgeable and obviously experienced, which was really reassuring. He was excellent.**"

"We were very grateful for your calm, measured and, above all, equitable approach to the mediation which inspired client confidence that the mediation would be conducted fairly; this was a significant factor in a final agreement being reached shortly after the official mediation concluded." - **Dr G Burke**

"**Very helpful mediator, who genuinely was interested in achieving a settlement.**" - **Glanvilles**

"**Very measured. Ensured the mediation was conducted at a good pace.**" - **Willans LLP**

"**The professional approach exhibited made a terrible experience much easier to bear. The case could not of settled without the mediators skill and effort.**" - **Field Fisher Solicitors**

"**We must say we were very fortunate to have such an experienced and professional mediator as George Patros. He was very smartly presented and had great presence.**

**He was very focused throughout the proceedings. His style of mediation was very friendly, relaxed and calm which made us feel comfortable and at ease to get all our points out for discussion.**

**He managed to maintain firm control of the process keeping things on track without making us feel pressured.**

**George listened very carefully and he was very clear and articulate whilst always remaining objective and impartial with a smile!**

**We all would be extremely happy to use the services of George Patros as a mediator again and would be happy to recommend him to our family and friends.**

**Generally a good experience with a positive outcome."**

"**We just wished to offer a HUGE thank you for all your hard work yesterday, what a day !! We are sure without it we would not now have closure. Once again thank you.**"

"**Excellent mediator! Would recommend to any party'**

"**George was very helpful, personable, clearly experienced and was instrumental in achieving a resolution. Very highly recommended**" **Brethertons,**

"**Very good. does not rush in, appreciated the issues, and took time to find areas of agreement. worked hard to achieve the settlement**" **Willans,**

"**We are pleased that you were appointed as the mediator for Friday albeit very last minute. Your logical input and efforts are much appreciated**" **Duncan Lewis,**

"**George is an excellent mediator whose services I would not hesitate to recommend. His knowledge of the constructions industry is invaluable and a real asset in mediating disputes of this type'** **Anthony Gold Solicitors,**

"**The mediator was personable and performed well. I would recommend him and use him again.**" **Anonymous,**

"**George is one of the most able mediators I have worked with so far. He made very constructive suggestions about how to present a second offer to the other party, which helped us very much to reach settlement. I would certainly use George again.**" **Rix and Kay,**

"**Extremely happy with George's approach. He was able to keep negotiations going when it seemed on at least two occasions the only option was to end the mediation. I have no hesitation in recommending George as a Mediator and would certainly appoint him again.**" **Belvederes,**

"**I would certainly recommend Mr Patros again. He quickly moved matters forward, was very pragmatic and came up with a variety of possible solutions, thinking outside the box. His communication and client care skills were excellent"** **Invictus Chambers,**

"**I was hugely impressed with George as a mediator. He had prepared thoroughly, and throughout the day proposed sensible and constructive solutions to help the parties move towards settlement. He also showed enormous skill, patience and professionalism in dealing with a very difficult lay client, and a fractious situation. I would absolutely recommend George's services, and use him in a future mediation - I though he was superb in all respects.**" **Barrister @ Ten Old Square,**

"**I felt he did an excellent job in steering us through the process..This case was a complex one...I was impressed with the breadth of George's knowledge...which was invaluable...George had an excellent manner...calm, polite, reassuring and clear...I am grateful for George's help in reaching that compromise.."** - **Barrister @ Garden Court Chambers,**

"**George Patros was both calm and objective, but also sensitive to the needs of both parties. His style of mediation was friendly and relaxed which put us at ease to feel comfortable to get our points out for discussion. George was an excellent mediator and we would not hesitate to recommend him and use him again.**" - **James Stedman, Litigant in Person -**

*"Mr Patros was not my client's first choice, mainly because I had no professional experience of Mr Patros, and have in the past attempted to employ mediators that I have had experienced of (simply because I am of the view that in most cases, it is in the parties interest to settle early, and with a good mediator, this is very much achievable). However, on the strength of Mr Patros' performance at the mediation yesterday, Mr Patros will most certainly be one of my preferred mediators in future mediations - and that is the biggest compliment I can pay to Mr Patros. Thank you."* - Cato Solicitors,

*"Mr Patros was enormously helpful in dealing with our case, where we had to deal with a stubborn and controlling lay Claimant. Mr Patros put everyone at their ease and had a very pleasant and approachable manner. He was very helpful at all stages and skilfully steered the parties towards a settlement. I could not rate him too highly and would certainly recommend him to others"* -Downs Solicitors,

*"I would recommend George to anyone I know he is a very nice man and he knew exactly what was needed"* LIP,

"This was a matter that I thought would not be settled at mediation, but did" Cato Solicitors.

"Mr Patros was excellent, everything we need of a mediator and more. A very calm and re-assuring manner" TM Law,

"He is an excellent mediator" LIP,

"I just wanted to let you know how grateful I am for your efforts yesterday in being able to facilitate a resolution." LIP,

"We were generally very happy with the process on the day",

"All very good and personable".

"George was a pleasure to work with".

"The mediator was brilliant. Polite, firm and professional". Summerfield Brown Solicitors

"My mediator Mr George Patros was absolutely wonderful and made my first mediation a very pleasurable and educational experience". Actons solicitors

"George had a good grasp on the issues in dispute....injected a good degree of common sense...without his assistance, an doubtful it would have settled..". DFA Law.

"George was brilliant, kind and very empathetic". Josiah Hinks solicitors

"Brilliant". LIP

"Excellent". LIP

"Was very impressed by George Patros and will definitely keep him in mind for future mediations". IBB Law

"The service you gave me was first class. I would not hesitate to recommend your good self to anyone who may approach me for a recommendation.....5 star service". Russell Clayton solicitors

"Mr Patros went over and beyond in his preparation for the mediation process. His approach to mediation and knowledge helped the parties navigate through both the emotional and complex legal issues, which ultimately assisted the parties in reaching an agreement of compromise". Q S Davidsons solicitors

"We were extremely happy with George Patros....We do not feel that he could have been any better prepared and his input was second to none..." Rotheras solicitors

"Mediated a settlement beautifully in a case that I genuinely thought was not going to reach an agreement.. All down to George". Imran Mahmood Counsel

"Brilliant absolutely brilliant". Nigel Frost Keystone Law

"Very professional. He knows how to get a settlement. Thank you". Action Coach

## Education

BSc (Hons) Land Administration (Surveying) (Property & Construction)

***Estates Gazette Prize for 'Most Outstanding Final Year Student' - Property/Construction***

LLB (Hons) (University of London - UCL)

LLM (with Merit) (UCL) (Insolvency & Company Law)

Called to the Bar 2009 (Middle Temple)

## Memberships

Property Bar Association

Chancery Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Public Access Bar Association

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member of Middle Temple

Mediation Committee Member of International Bar Association

CMC Registered Mediator

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