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Memberships

- Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Northern Circuit
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association
- Planning and Environment Bar Association
- Administrative Law Bar Association
- United Kingdom Environmental Law Association
- Compulsory Purchase Association
- Society of Mediators
- CMC Registered Mediator

Education

- Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne
- Peterhouse, Cambridge: MA
- Leeds Metropolitan University: LLM
- Manchester Metropolitan University: BPTC

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Peter's practice at the Bar and before that as a Chartered Surveyor has been planning-led but has included involvement in a wide range of property issues, including disputes over boundaries, easements, and restrictive covenants. In many cases alternative dispute resolution – and, in particular, mediation – proved a highly effective means of resolving the underlying dispute (and, in some cases, some connected issues too). After gaining extensive experience as a mediation advocate, Peter decided to train as a mediator in his own right. He became accredited in July 2022 and whilst continuing to practice at the Bar as before is now able to accept appointments as a mediator in business, property and planning cases.



Cases

Mediation is a confidential process, giving the parties the confidence to participate without fearing that by doing so their positions in any parallel or subsequent litigation will be compromised.

The following are some examples of recent mediation cases without disclosing the details of the parties or the properties concerned:

- A dispute between neighbours concerning the common boundary between the respective properties, together with alleged trespass and damage (North Yorkshire)
- A boundary dispute between neighbours (Wirral)
- A dispute between neighbours concerning alleged trespass and substantial interference with a claimed prescriptive right of way (South Yorkshire)
- A dispute between the owners of three neighbouring properties about rights of way and ancillary rights both express and by prescription (South Yorkshire)
- Compensation following compulsory purchase (Greater Manchester)



Recommendations

Ranked Band 3 in Planning-Northern/North Eastern

Chambers and Partners 2023

"Peter is quick to respond, thorough, picks up on all the relevant points and angles and is empathetic to the client's position."

The Legal 500 2023

"Peter is extremely helpful and competent. He goes the extra mile."

Chambers and Partners 2022

"Peter is extremely active on residential development and very good with clients." "Local authorities love him."

Chambers and Partners 2021

"Very knowledgeable, user friendly, and calm and quick to respond."

The Legal 500 2022

"He is excellent for planning judicial review work."

The Legal 500 2021

"Very composed and articulate at trial."

The Legal 500 2020

"He knows planning law like the back of his hand."

The Legal 500 2018/19

"Very experienced in handling complex planning proposals."

The Legal 500 2017

"A very intelligent and analytical barrister."

The Legal 500 2016

"He has practised in planning and development for more than 25 years"

The Legal 500 2015

Beyond the Bar

Peter builds dry stone walls; bakes bread; and enjoys music, theatre and cricket (when time permits). He is a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society.