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John is experienced in property law, planning and compulsory purchase.



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Property

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Property

John was appointed as a Recorder in 2003, sitting in the County Court trying civil cases. He was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge in 2014, sitting in the Chancery Division and now in the Business and Property Court.

John is experienced in all areas of property law, especially rent reviews concerning commercial property, and valuation disputes relating to the development and sale of land.

After more than 40 years as a barrister litigating property law, planning and compulsory purchase disputes, John is now focused on using ADR to resolve such disputes.

He acts as the dispute resolver in property disputes, whether as arbitrator, independent expert, legal assessor, or mediator. Highlights include acting as the sole arbitrator (with a valuation assessor) in what was then the largest ever open market rent review in Hong Kong about a logistics facility in the container port at Kwai Chung; acting as the sole arbitrator in the highways arbitration which went on appeal in London Borough of Southwark and Another v Transport for London [2018] UKSC 63 where his award was upheld by the Supreme Court and described by the Court as “admirable”; and arbitrating and mediating a large

number of property and valuation related disputes.

ADR

Alternative Dispute Resolution

In recent years, most of John's time has been devoted to acting as the dispute resolver in property, compulsory purchase and planning cases, particularly those involving valuation issues. He acts as an arbitrator, independent expert, adjudicator or mediator. He has sat as a village green Inspector. He continues to sit as a Recorder trying civil cases in the County Court and as a Deputy High Court Judge trying cases in the Business and Property Court.

Mediation

John has been an accredited mediator since December 2009. He mediates in a wide range of property and valuation disputes. As well as acting as a mediator, John also has experience of acting for clients at mediations. As a property litigator with over 40 years experience he has an understanding of the wider issues facing those involved in all kinds of property disputes, whether they arise between commercial parties, public sector bodies or private clients. With that experience and understanding, John is well placed to help participants find practical and realistic solutions to property related disputes, especially those between landlords and tenants. Since becoming accredited, John has successfully mediated property disputes concerning dilapidations, options and business tenancies.

John is one of the editors of Hill and Redman's Law of Landlord and Tenant.

Qualifications

- John Male KC is a graduate of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University
- Recorder (Civil)
- Deputy High Court Judge (Chancery Division, now the Business and Property Court)

Recommendations

"John provides gravitas and clarity in the most difficult of situations."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2023

"He is friendly, helpful, approachable and bright."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2022

"He's very well regarded as a senior silk to go to and he is trusted if you've got warring parties." "A very safe and steady pair of hands."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2021

"An excellent barrister."

Legal 500, 2021

"He is calm, measured and incredibly clever." "He is always approachable, succinct and a real gentleman." "He knows property law inside out. He has a very patient manner and diplomacy skills."

Real Estate Litigation, Chambers and Partners, 2020

"Consistently excellent in terms of his advice and the quality and depth of his knowledge." "I would go to John above other QCs because of his manner and the fact that he's able to explain complex issues to clients. He's likeable, measured and considered."

Legal 500