

Jonathan Arkush

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Mediation

Jonathan has conducted more than 100 mediations concerning a wide range of disputes, including negligence (both professional and otherwise), breach of contract, breach of trust, commercial property, residential property, contested shares in property, boundary and neighbour disputes, family trusts and settlements, disputes between members of charitable and religious bodies, inheritance, wills and probate, 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.

In addition to being an accredited Mediator with ADR Group, he is on the following Mediation Panels: Property Bar Association, Chancery Bar Association, Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists, Dispute Mediation Limited and Central London County Court. Jonathan contributed the chapter on Landlord and Tenant Disputes to ADR and Commercial Disputes, Sweet & Maxwell, 2002.

As a practitioner with more than 30 years' experience at the Bar in property and commercial disputes, he is well used to the ways of litigation, negotiation and, in mediations, 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. Jonathan is equally used to handling advocates, members of other professions and occupations and litigants in person. Virtually every mediation he has conducted has resulted in a successful settlement outcome - certainly in excess of 85% of cases. By temperament and experience he is not overawed by difficult parties or their representatives. Sitting as a Deputy Master in the Chancery Division has helped him to keep a firm hand on difficult situations and assess rival contentions tactfully and with impartiality and fairness.

Jonathan received the ADRg Award 2006 for his contribution to ADR and was cited as one of the group's most successful mediators.

What others say

He is recommended in Legal 500 as a leading junior in property litigation. Chambers & Partners recommend him as a mediator both for dispute resolution as well as for all circuits. The directories highlight:

Sources say Jonathan Arkush of 11 Stone Buildings "comes up with solutions others wouldn't have thought of, often enabling a clean break scenario." He is regularly instructed on high-value matters, and his recent mediations have included a wrongful dismissal claim and an inheritance dispute. (*Mediators All Circuits - Chambers UK 2012*)

Arkush has a broad commercial and chancery-based mediation practice with a particular focus on land, inheritance and trust disputes. He brings a calm and patient approach to the mediation process, as well as judicial expertise gained from his work as a Chancery Master. "He's got the right degree of gravitas to carry both parties and gives people a lot of confidence", say sources. (*Mediators Dispute Resolution & Mediators All Circuits - Chambers UK 2011*)