



JUNIOR COUNSEL / MEDIATORS

Barbara Rich

Born: **1960, Harpenden, Hertfordshire**

Call to Bar: **1990**

Education

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| 1971-78 | St Paul's Girls' School, London |
| 1979-1982 | Emmanuel College, Cambridge – entrance scholarship
English Tripos Part I 1981, English Tripos Part II 1982 |
| 1988-1989 | Polytechnic of Central London: Diploma in Law – undivided pass |
| 1989-1990 | Inns of Court School of Law: Bar Vocational Course – graded Very Competent |
| 2007 | Trained and accredited as a mediator by ADR Chambers UK, mediation shadowing with Beverly-Ann Rogers |

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Paul Jennings

Employment

1982-1988 Worked as software technical author and editor

Professional experience

1990-1991 Pupillage at Serle Court Chambers (then 13 Old Square) with
Beverly-Ann Rogers and Michael Briggs (now Lord Justice Briggs)
Pupillage at 5 Stone Buildings (then 2 New Square) with Launcelot
Henderson, (now Lord Justice Henderson) and Mark Blackett-Ord

1991-present In continuous full-time practice at 5 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn,
specialising in

- Contentious succession including claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975
- Court of Protection property and affairs cases
- Trusts litigation, both in relation to private trusts and pensions
- Professional negligence associated with these fields of practice

Professional reputation

Acted in a number of leading cases in specialist fields of practice, in particular under the Mental Capacity Act 2005. Recommended as leading junior in Chambers & Partners UK Guide and UK Legal 500 for a number of years, currently in Band 1 of traditional Chancery juniors in Chambers UK Guide, and listed as a star individual in the Court of Protection Property and Affairs section.

Member of STEP and ACTAPS and honorary member of Solicitors for the Elderly.

Mediation experience and approach to mediation

I have mediated over 70 disputes (20 since 1 January 2014), in about 80% of which the parties successfully negotiated a compromise. I have particular experience of claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 and other probate and trust disputes, and of disputes with a mental capacity or Court of Protection element. These include claims of substantial value and complexity, sometimes involving several parties, and an understanding of property, company and tax implications of the issues in dispute.

I enjoy mediation very much and believe that I can help parties to negotiate on the basis of a searching risk assessment of their cases and their costs exposure, set in the context of

wider issues – including continuing family relationships – than those raised in the legal dispute itself. I believe that I am a good listener and sensitive to people's feelings and anxieties about litigation. Feedback from lawyers at mediations I have conducted has commented on my patience and persistence and ability to quickly identify the real issues in dispute.

My service as a mediator includes making contact with all the lawyers involved prior to the mediation in order to discuss issues, parties attending, exchange of information and any sensitive topics. I am also happy to arrange longer pre-mediation meetings in order to help parties prepare effectively for mediation.

If a mediation has been unsuccessful, I will always offer to resume at a modest fee, or to assist in any other way to help negotiations progress towards compromise.

Professional Reputation and references

I am happy to provide references from solicitors and barristers who have mediated with me on request. The following general references were provided specifically for promotion of my mediation practice in the spring of 2017

PARTNER, WILL & TRUSTS DISPUTES, LEADING FIRM

"Barbara combines a calm, respectful manner with serious intellectual backbone and a steely determination to find a compromise if it is possible to do so, making her a 'go to' mediator for me and my team."

PARTNER, NATIONAL HEAD OF CONTENTIOUS PROBATE, LEADING FIRM

"Barbara Rich is a first class mediator. She is particularly gifted in knowing how to manage the intricacies of difficult and emotional family relationships. We would have no hesitation in using or recommending her."

Contractual terms and charges

Please refer to my clerks for a copy of my standard contractual terms for mediation and current charges. My general approach to charging is a fixed fee for preparation and attendance at mediation between 10-5.30, and an hourly rate for time beyond 5.30 and for travel. Preparation includes up to 3 hours of reading and pre-mediation email/telephone conversation.

Other

I read, speak and write reasonably fluent French and basic Spanish.

My leisure interests are classical music, art, photography, literature, history, current affairs and swimming.

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