



CEDR Accreditation:	2014
CEDR Panel:	2025
Languages:	English
Location:	London and the South-East of England.

Ian Weatherburn

Mediator, Adjudicator, Chartered Surveyor

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was exemplary.”*

Overview

Ian Weatherburn benefits from the experience of over 45 years working in the Construction Industry as a hands-on practitioner on site, at board and every level in-between. Since 2014 Ian has specialised in construction contract, commercial and dispute advisory and resolution matters both in the UK and internationally, including in the capacity of mediator, adjudicator and expert witness acting mainly in construction contract disputes but also in a number of general commercial contract disputes.

Professional Background

During his career Ian has been engaged by a select group of blue chip large corporate and independent medium sized construction, developer and engineering businesses including his own, operating on new-build, refurbishment, restoration, engineering and interior fitting-out projects across health, education, commercial, retail, leisure and residential sectors. Individual project values have ranged from c.£50k to £230m and work programmes exceeding £400m. In 2014 Ian established his own consultancy to help a wider audience adopt good practice, avoid conflict and resolve disputes.



Expertise

- Construction & Engineering Disputes
- Professional Negligence Disputes
- Workplace Disputes
- Commercial Contract Disputes
- Defective Work Disputes
- Land and Property
- Boardroom & Shareholder Disputes
- PFI, Standard Form & Bespoke Contract Disputes

Mediation Experience

Commercial Contracts

- Between shareholders of a development business venture, one being the funder and the other being the builder.
- Between business partners as to the value of shareholding on the departure of one of the parties from that business.
- Between a party and its advising solicitor concerning professionally negligent advice.
- Between parties and a national lender in the matter of a personal guarantee.
- Between resident housing group and contractor in connection with the scope, quality of workmanship and final account value of the roof installation including manufacturers' warranty.

Construction and Engineering

- Between Main Contractor and external cladding Subcontractor concerning the value of a claim for additional costs arising from delay and disruption to the regular progress of the works.
- Between contractor and pharmaceutical employer as to compliance with specification and the value of the works.
- Between high-net-worth Employer and Main Contractor concerning the value of the final account.
- Between high-net-worth Employer and Main Contractor concerning the period for completion and value of the works on a Super-Prime London residential refurbishment.
- Between Housing Association Employer and Main Contractor concerning use of goods and materials not specified.
- Between building contractor and engineer employer over the quality of elements of the works and the value of the final account of works to the employer's office building.
- Between domestic homeowner located in Cambridge and its building contractor concerning the quality of work and value of the final account.

Other ADR Experience

- As a construction adjudicator appointed to a number of approved panels, reaching decisions in connection with a regular supply of disputes referred.
- Regular appointments to provide expert witness evidence concerning operational and commercial matters with the purpose of assisting dispute tribunals reach their decisions.

Personal Style

Ian brings his comprehensive knowledge and deep understanding of construction and of business to encourage parties to reach agreement using patience, a user-friendly commercial approach, a smattering of humour and where necessary, decisive guidance. Having personal experience of mediation as a means of avoiding the added disruption, cost and stress to life and business of more formal means of dispute resolution should mediation not result in agreement, he spares no effort to understand the needs of the parties to guide them to mutually acceptable solutions. Described as tenacious, Ian obtains that understanding through preparation, the study of party positions and early communication, adopting a calm, pragmatic and flexible approach involving both facilitative and evaluative techniques where appropriate.

Professional Qualifications and Affiliations

- Chartered Surveyor - FRICS.
- Chartered Construction Manager - FCIOB.
- Chartered Civil Engineering Surveyor - FCInstCES.
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - FCIArb.
- Accredited Mediator - CEDR, RICS and CIC.
- Panel adjudicator – CEDR, RICS, CIC, CIArb and UK Adjudicators.
- Ambassador of RICS Conflict Avoidance Process ("CAP").
- CInstCES Contracts and Dispute Resolution Panel member.
- The Adjudication Society.
- CEDR - Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution.
- Society of Construction Law.

Feedback

"... I just wanted to thank you for your sterling efforts in dealing with our case right up until the very late ending. Sorry for that. I nevertheless felt that your handling of the mediation was exemplary."

Party and Chartered Building Surveyor

"Having been practising for many years, Ian clearly understands and executes the need to get close to the detail in his analysis of the issues in dispute, but also to have a wider commercial understanding of the bigger picture.

He also handles his interactions with many different types of people with empathy and understanding, and conducts himself professionally at all times."

Solicitor and party representative

