

Ian Gatt KC

YEAR OF CALL: 1985 YEAR OF SILK: 2002

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Practice Overview

Ian Gatt KC is an experienced mediator having been accredited by CEDR in 1997. He has broad experience after nearly 40 years in private practice at all levels of the English courts system – as a barrister for 20 years and as a partner in Herbert Smith Freehills for 12 years, and Stewarts, a specialist UK disputes practice, for 7 years. His expertise spans high value and complex commercial disputes and arbitrations in the UK, Middle East and Asia (in a wide range of sectors including banking, automotive, manufacturing, oil and gas, investment and property) and high value sensitive employment matters.

Ian is recommended as a leader in Commercial Mediation in Who's Who Legal: Commercial Mediation.

MEDIATION

Ian's mediation practice spans a wide range of practice areas. He has mediated substantial commercial disputes (both domestic and international) across a wide range of sectors, as well as domestic and international employment disputes relating to bonus payments, sex, race and disability discrimination, whistleblowing and breach of contract and unfair dismissal claims. He has mediated ecclesiastical disputes and disputes between academics and their educational establishments.

Ian acted for the Intervenor (The Civil Mediation Council, CEDR and The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators) in the landmark case of *Churchill v Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council* [2023] EWCA Civ 1416.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

1984 Oxford University (Hertford College), First class BA in law

1985 Bar Finals, Council of Legal Education, London

2002 Queen's Counsel

Accredited CEDR Mediator

Recorder South Eastern Circuit: 2000-2017

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Ian Gatt is a very good lawyer and is lovely to deal with." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Ian is a very experienced and professional solicitor." Chambers & Partners 2025

"Ian brings a genuine calm and cool head to his client work, wrapped in charm and a genuinely steely resolve." Chambers & Partners 2025

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