

## BEVERLEY VARA

CALL: 2013



### OVERVIEW

Beverley has had experience of many different types of dispute such as: Banking and Finance (including securitisations), Commercial contracts, Corporate sales/ Shareholder disputes/ Joint venture disputes, Partnerships, Insolvency, PFI, Trusts, Professional Negligence, Real Estate (including Planning and Construction) and Wrongful Arrest.

She has a reputation for managing strong personalities and cross cultural clashes. Both parties and legal advisors in mediations appreciate her straight talking, practical approach and her ability to mix a rigorous legal analysis of the case with empathy to help the parties find a solution that works for all of them.

Beverley has been listed as a leading mediator in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 for mediation work for a number of years. She regularly gives seminars on mediation and is a coach and assessor on CEDR Mediation Training programmes.

Beverley mediates all types of commercial disputes. In the last year Beverley has successfully mediated disputes in which fraud, minority shareholder prejudice, defamation, breach of director's duties, misrepresentation and breach of contract have arisen as issues, as well as partnership and Trusts disputes and a wide range of property disputes. Beverley is frequently called upon to mediate disputes where one or more of the parties is based outside of the UK with recent mediations including participants from USA, UAE, India, Italy, France, Nigeria and South Africa. Beverley is a member of the CEDR faculty team and a coach and assessor on the CEDR mediation training programme.

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Beverley was a litigation partner in, and Head of Real Estate litigation at, Allen & Overy LLP until 2013 when, after 20 years practice as a litigator in the City, she transferred to the Bar to become a full time mediator. Before becoming a lawyer, between taking her first and second degrees, Beverley worked in Banking and on a

large IT project. Since leaving A&O in 2013, Beverley has transferred to the Bar to further her mediation work and now mediates all types of commercial and private client disputes.

## DIRECTORY QUOTES

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*"Great at absorbing all the key information, listens to all parties' concerns, and is very adept at helping negotiations to successful conclusions."*

**Legal 500 (2022)**

*"Likes to grasp cases by the scruff of the neck and is good at handling challenging situations."*

**Chambers UK (2021)**

*Beverley is "very good at getting people to think in the right way about a case. She gets on top of the detail quickly and sees points that might have been missed."*

**Chambers UK (2020)**

*"She's very good at getting people to think and to negotiate, and she gets cases quickly."*

**Chambers (2019)**

*"Beverley is firm, straight-talking and comes up with creative ideas to try to achieve a resolution. She grasps legal issues quickly, which enables the parties to concentrate on settlement discussions."*

**Chambers (2018)**

*"Beverley Vara is a "very supportive and helpful" mediator who is regularly appointed to property disputes and cases involving professional negligence. One impressed observer states that "she was very good and skilled in moving the parties to settle" and "she was instrumental in getting the parties out of their entrenched positions.""*

**Chambers & Partners (2017)**

## EXPERTISE

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## ADR

Beverley accepts mediation appointments in disputes in the following areas:

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial Contracts
- Construction and Engineering
- Insolvency
- Nuisance/Negligence
- PFI
- Planning
- Professional Negligence
- Private Client
- Property
- Sale of Goods & Services
- Tort
- Trusts
- Warranties
- Wrongful Arrest

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## FEEDBACK

- “A clear, practical, expert contribution made a very difficult day easier.”
- “Beverley was excellent. The way she handled both joint and individual meetings was great.”
- “A sound handling of the process.”
- “We thought she was excellent! our client was very pleased with her.”
- “She did a very good job moving the parties from their original positions.”
- “I think Beverley was very helpful and judged the tone of the mediation well.
- “I thought Beverley was extremely professional and knowledgeable in the way she dealt with the issues. It was not the easiest mediation in terms of the positions of the parties with regard to the claim and in terms of the various personalities at play but Beverley treated the parties fairly, challenged us when appropriate and kept the mediation moving in order to achieve a settlement.”
- “Beverley did a very good job and kept the parties focused. Not an easy task with so many strands to address”
- “I’ve had a spate of mediations lately and definitely felt this was the best managed of the lot”