

## ARBITRATION

**Disagreements within the business property field are often particularly complex or unusual and the escalating costs associated with litigation and Court proceedings have caused many to seek alternative ways of achieving a satisfactory resolution to disputes.**

In addition to experienced valuers, the Pinders team also includes qualified Mediators, Arbitrators and Experts, enabling each problem to be addressed in the most appropriate way.

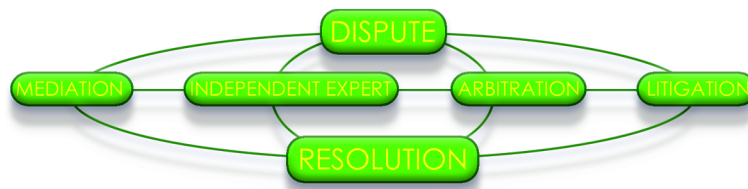
Lord Woolf's review of the legal system addressed the need for mechanisms to resolve disputes without recourse to the prohibitive costs of lengthy litigation. This has hastened the trend towards the involvement of impartial experts in settling conflicts more speedily and cost-effectively.

Through Mediation, we aim to assist the disputing parties in understanding each other's point of view. Success rates are usually high, but even if Mediation fails, other alternatives can still be pursued without prejudicing any future legal rights.

If a greater degree of formality is required, with the parties being bound by the decision of a third party, then the matter can be referred for Arbitration, increasingly seen as a cost-effective alternative to legal proceedings.

Unfortunately, the only recourse for some cases is Litigation, and we are regularly instructed by solicitors to prepare Independent Expert Reports, particularly in determining the quantum in negligence claims. Our services cover pre-litigation reports, preliminary advice to clients, discussions with other experts, pre-trial conferences and appearance in Court or at Tribunal where necessary.

With a move towards a single, Court-appointed Expert in each case, the need for true specialist expertise has grown in importance.



Our specialist knowledge can also be utilised in providing an Early Expert Evaluation, assisting the parties in reaching a settlement, or a narrowing of the division, by investigating the complexities of either the whole dispute or a contributory factor.

Whichever service, or combination of services, is employed, Pinders can call upon individuals with the appropriate qualifications and experience, in conjunction with the extensive resources of the Pinder database, containing detailed records dating back to 1969.

### **Our specialist sectors include:**

licensed and leisure ● retail ● healthcare ● care homes ● hotels ● public houses  
restaurants ● service industries ● transport sector ● wholesale and manufacturing ● IT  
food processing ● professional practices ● commercial agencies ● specialist businesses

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