

## Family Mediation

Family mediation at 4PB involves a trained and experienced family law barrister mediator who meets with the people involved in a dispute and works with them through a process to steer a path to an agreement about what should happen next. Decisions are made by consensus between the two people involved, on an agenda they set. The mediator can give information to assist, and will ensure that each person's view is heard and investigated.

- Mediation is appropriate for any type of family law matter; divorce, children's arrangements, financial or property matters, child relocation, child abduction, and even in some circumstances where the local authority is involved in the care of a child.
- Mediation is appropriate for most people involved in a family law dispute, but each participant is assessed individually to ensure safety and capacity.
- Mediation is a voluntary process, aimed towards reaching an agreement and avoiding court proceedings. However, the financial disclosure aspect is no less rigorous than it would be in court proceedings.
- Mediation usually takes place with both (or all) the people involved in the same room, but if there are reasons why this is not appropriate it is possible to make arrangements to remain separate during mediation.
- Mediation is confidential
- 4PB barrister mediators are experts in their fields and able to guide mediation participants to a solution within the parameters of the law.
- 4PB barrister mediators are able to mediate with other complimentary professionals such as family consultant mediators, financial specialist mediators and solicitor mediators.
- 4PB barristers can offer [MIAMs](#) before court proceedings.

If you would like more information about how the family barrister mediators at 4PB could assist you or your client, please contact our dispute resolution clerk, [Denise Fallon](#), on 0207 427 5200

## Barristers specialising in this area



**Alex Verdan QC**  
Call: 1987 | Silk: 2006



**Jonathan Cohen QC**  
Call: 1974 | Silk: 1997



**Kate Branigan QC**  
Call: 1985 | Silk: 2006



**Jo Delahunty QC**  
Call: 1986 | Silk: 2006



**Michael Sternberg QC**  
Call: 1975 | Silk: 2008



**Catherine Wood QC**  
Call: 1985 | Silk: 2011



**Rex Howling QC**  
Call: 1991 | Silk: 2011



**David Williams QC**  
Call: 1990 | Silk: 2013



**Alison Grief QC**  
Call: 1990 | Silk: 2015



**Jane Rayson**  
Call: 1982



**Sally Bradley**  
Call: 1989



**Barbara Mills**  
Call: 1990



**Joy Brereton**  
Call: 1990



**Cliona Papazian**  
Call: 1994



**Ruth Kirby**  
Call: 1994



**Oliver Jones**  
Call: 1998



**Cleo Perry**  
Call: 2000



**Katie Wood**  
Call: 2001



**Dorothea Gartland**  
Call: 2004



**Francesca Dowse**  
Call: 2004



**Professor Marilyn Freeman  
PhD (Door Tenant)**  
Call: 1986