

## 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's family law barristers 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

## Specialist Mediation Barristers



Alex Verdán QC  
Call: 1987 | Silk: 2006  
Head of Chambers



Kate Branigan QC  
Call: 1985 | Silk: 2006



Michael Sternberg QC  
Call: 1975 | Silk: 2008



Catherine Wood QC  
Call: 1985 | Silk: 2011



Rex Howling QC  
Call: 1991 | Silk: 2011



Teertha Gupta QC  
Call: 1990 | Silk: 2012



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



Harry Gates  
Call: 2001



Katie Wood  
Call: 2001



Francesca Dowse  
Call: 2004



Dorothea Gartland  
Call: 2004



Samantha Woodham  
Call: 2006



Nicola Wallace  
Call: 2006



Professor Marilyn  
Freeman PhD  
Call: 1986