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## Stuart Wright

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Stuart Wright is our Head of Civil Litigation and an ADR Group Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator.

Stuart has a dedicated civil practice and has received consistently strong independent directory ratings. He is regularly instructed in a range of common law matters with particular expertise in Property Law, Professional Negligence, Contractual Disputes (Business & Personal) and Personal Injury/Fatal Accident claims. He provides in-house lectures for Local Authorities, Housing Associations and firms of solicitors in his specialist areas. Whilst predominantly practising throughout the south east he travels nationally when required.

Stuart is a trained mediator and accepts instructions in a wide range of civil & commercial disputes. His longstanding background as a civil barrister and his ability to identify and focus on the issues at the heart of the dispute provide a firm foundation for his work as a civil & commercial mediator. Further details are available [here](#).

He is recognised as a leading junior by both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500:

*"He has great attention to detail. He is realistic and explains matters fully to the lay client but will look at every angle to try to secure the best outcome." "He is very knowledgeable and experienced and has the ability to think outside the box." Chambers & Partners (2020)*

*'He is incredibly calm and a great listener.' 'Always works with difficult clients professionally and ensures that the advice given is accurate, even if it isn't what the client wanted to hear.'* Legal 500 (2021)

*"He is very good at seeing what's important and how to steer through a case. He gets through the details very quickly." "He is no-nonsense and very straightforward." "An incredibly personable barrister and someone you know you can rely upon when he gives you advice." "He's talented and creative with a quick and insightful mind. He has great presentation skills and provides excellent advice." Chambers & Partners (2020)*

*'Goes above and beyond for clients.'* Legal 500 (2019-20)

*"He is very sharp and incisive, and he provides very clear and concise advice." "He always goes the extra mile and is very happy to assist behind the scenes where necessary to help get the job done." Chambers & Partners (2019)*

*'An impressive advocate.'* Legal 500 (2018)

*"He's bright, sharp and incisive"* Chambers & Partners (2018)

*"Approachable, kind and fair"* Legal 500 (2017)

*"He's excellent with clients, very clearly spoken and gives good, comprehensive advice. He's a very calm advocate who orchestrates things well in court, and has a good manner about him." Chambers & Partners (2017)*

*"A forceful but calm advocate"* Legal 500 (2016)

*"He is a powerful negotiator who isn't put off by a difficult case." "He's very professional, with good presentation skills in both court and mediation. He provides crisp and to the point advice." Chambers & Partners (2016)*

*"His strengths lie in the professional manner in which he approaches cases and clients alike"* Legal 500 (2015)

*"He's very thorough, charming and persuasive." "He's a good all-round junior. He has an impressive court presence and persuasively articulates legal arguments on his feet." Chambers & Partners (2015)*

*"A strong advocate with good client care skills"* Legal 500 (2014)

*"Deals with commercial and contract disputes and also has strong expertise in property law and personal injury work." "He handles all cases very efficiently and well." Chambers & Partners (2014)*

*"Personal injury specialist Stuart Wright is clear and concise in his advice"* Legal 500 (2013)

*"Stuart Wright also wins praise from solicitors who need a commercial litigator that knows the region well." "Confident and reliable," he is sought out by clients faced with commercial and contractual disputes of many different types"* Chambers & Partners (2013)

*"Personal injury specialist Stuart Wright takes a 'pragmatic and realistic approach to cases'"* Legal 500 (2012)

*"Stuart Wright is a 'good advocate', who provides 'clear advice and pleadings'" "...housing specialist Stuart Wright is 'very efficient, prompt and thorough'..."* Legal 500 (2011)

*"Stuart Wright is an excellent junior choice for housing law"* Legal 500 (2010)

*"Stuart Wright is an excellent choice for housing law, handling cases ranging from anti-social behaviour to those with mental health issues"* Legal 500 (2009)

*"Stuart Wright is rated highly for housing law"* Legal 500 (2008)

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*'He is very good with clients, and is able to deliver advice in an empathetic yet professional manner.'*

Legal 500 2022

*"He has great attention to detail. He is realistic and explains matters fully to the lay client but will look at every angle to try to secure the best outcome." "He is very knowledgeable and experienced and has the ability to think outside the box."*

Chambers & Partners 2021

*'He is incredibly calm and a great listener.'*

Legal 500 2021

## Commercial

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Over recent years Stuart has developed an increased focus on contractual disputes involving a wide range of business / commercial and private matters and has achieved independent recognition for his work. Stuart has been praised for his insightfulness for commercial sensitivities and business expediency. Recently he was successful before Chief Insolvency & Companies Court Judge Briggs in [£1.4M shareholder dispute](#).

## Local Government & Public Law

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Complimented by his experience in personal injury work Stuart has acted in a number of inquests, particularly Article 2 inquests concerning the actions local authorities and NHS trusts.

## Personal Injury

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Stuart has considerable experience in Personal Injury and Fatal Accident actions (including multi-track cases and inquests). Stuart takes pride in his pragmatic approach to resolving liability disputes and provides thorough, practical and where appropriate innovative advice – which often gets results. His sensible and compassionate approach is supported by his first-rate client care.

## Professional Negligence

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Stuart is frequently instructed in professional negligence cases involving a range of disciplines, principally concerning solicitors, surveyors, expert valuers, architects, engineers, builders and accountants although over the years his work has included a broad spectrum of professions including expert witnesses, loss adjusting, software design, psychology and zoology.

# Property, Landlord & Tenant

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Stuart has extensive experience in a wide variety of Property Law matters, with a particular emphasis on Landlord & Tenant disputes, both business and private (whether short or long term leasehold). Stuart is regularly instructed in actions in both the County Court and the First-Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) (formerly known as the 'LVT' Leasehold Valuation Tribunal), including cases involving Business Tenancies, Leasehold enfranchisement, Service Charge disputes, Management issues and suchlike.

## Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Stuart qualified as an ADR Group Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator in 2014. Since then he has successfully mediated a wide range of civil & commercial disputes and, together with HH Keith Hollis, spearheaded the development of chambers' separate mediation brand 'Disputes Mediated'. His longstanding background as a civil barrister and his ability to identify and focus on the issues at the heart of the dispute together with his personable manner has repeatedly won him praise from former mediation clients.

## Direct Access

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Stuart accepts work from lay clients via [Direct Access](#). You can view his profile [here](#).

## Appointments

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- Accredited Civil & Commercial Mediator (2014)

## Education

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- City University, PG Diploma in Professional Legal Skills, (2000)
- Inns of Court School of Law, BVC (Very Competent), (2000)
- University of Kent, LLB (Hons), (1999)

## Memberships

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- Civil Mediation Council
- PIBA
- PNBA

## Publications

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- 'Paperless working at the Bar', Lexis Nexis (2021)
- 'Online Mediations : Do they really work?' (2020)