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## **Expertise**

Planning, Environment, Mediation

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## **Overview**

Christopher Lockhart-Mummery was called to the Bar in 1971, took silk in 1986, and was Head of Chambers at 4 Breems Buildings from 1993. He was head of the merged Chambers from merger until 2003. He has been a Deputy High Court Judge (planning cases) and a Recorder.

Having had wide experience in planning, compulsory purchase and compensation, parliamentary, local government and related work both at inquiries and in the courts, he now specialises exclusively in a wide range of planning work, for the private and public sectors.

Christopher is listed as a leading silk in planning in *Chambers & Partners* and the *Legal 500*:

“A doyen of the Planning Bar whose submissions are always well received.” “He’s a really powerful planning lawyer who can get into the nuts and bolts of cases.” “He provides quick, commercial advice.” (*Chambers & Partners* 2021)

‘He quickly identifies the key issues in a dispute and brings a laser-like focus to them, not allowing himself or the team to be distracted by points that are not critical to winning the case. It is this that sets him apart from many members of the planning bar.’ (*Legal 500* 2021)

“His style is far less aggressive than many silks and is much more effective as a result. Most importantly, however, he has laser-like precision when it comes to framing a case. Christopher has the confidence to identify the one or two critical points that he thinks will achieve a win and to focus on them to the exclusion of the others. This shows a degree of confidence and ability that few of his competitors have.” (*Chambers & Partners* 2017)

“He is the voice of authority.” (*Legal 500* 2016)

## Mediation

Christopher has practised in planning and related fields throughout his career, exclusively so for some 25 years. He is a CEDR accredited Mediator and a Co-Mediator on the RICS Planning Mediation Panel. Christopher is a strong believer in the role that mediation can play in all aspects of planning-related disputes.

## Neighbourhood Planning

Christopher has a particular interest and experience in neighbourhood planning. He is Chair of the RICS/RTPI/DCLG Working Party which has produced Guidance for neighbourhood plan examinations.

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## Qualifications

- Trinity College, Cambridge
- CEDR Accredited Mediator
- Co-Mediator – RICS Planning Mediation Panel

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## Inquiries

A series of major Inquiries each year, mainly in relation to housing and retail.

## A doyen of the Planning Bar

Chambers & Partners

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## Cases

08 Oct 2019	High Court allows statutory challenge against Secretary of State’s dismissal of appeal in relation to 1,200 dwelling scheme
21 May 2019	Supreme Court hears important case on interpretation and implication in respect of planning permissions.
20 Apr 2018	Lambeth BC v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government [2018] EWCA Civ 844
20 Mar 2018	Court of Appeal rejects challenge to Paddington Cube as abuse of process
23 Jan 2018	Jelson Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2018] EWCA Civ 24

30 Nov 2017	Paddington Cube judicial review fails
03 Oct 2017	London Borough of Lambeth v SSCLG and others [2017] EWHC 2412 (Admin)
10 May 2017	Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government v Hopkins Homes Ltd, Richborough Estates Partnership LLP v Cheshire East BC [2017] UKSC 37
25 Apr 2017	Stefanou v Westminster City Council [2017] EWHC 908 (Admin)
22 Nov 2016	Jelson v SSCLG and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council [2016] EWHC 2979 (Admin)
11 Aug 2016	R (on the application of Lensbury Ltd) v Richmond Upon Thames LBC [2016] EWCA Civ 814
06 May 2016	Waters v Breckland District Council [2016] EWHC 951
17 Mar 2016	Hopkins Homes LTD v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2016] EWCA Civ 168
22 Jul 2015	Champion v North Norfolk District Council [2015] 1 WLR 3710
21 Jul 2015	Tivot Way Investments Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2015] EWHC 2489 (Admin)
19 Feb 2015	Satnam Millennium Limited v Warrington Borough Council [2015] EWHC 370 (Admin)
30 Jan 2015	Hopkins Homes Ltd v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and Suffolk Coastal District Council [2015] EWHC 132 (Admin)
17 Dec 2014	Gallagher Homes Ltd v Solihull MBC [2014]EWCA Civ 1610
30 Apr 2014	(1) Gallagher Homes Limited (2) Lioncourt Homes Limited v Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council [2014] EWHC 1283 (Admin)
12 May 2010	R (Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd) v Wolverhampton City Council [2011] 1 A.C. 437
01 Jan 2010	Stevenage Borough Council v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2010] EWHC 1289
11 Aug 2009	Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd v Wolverhampton City Council and Tesco Stores Limited [2009] EWCA Civ 734
11 Apr 2008	South Gloucestershire Council v. Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government [2008] J.P.L. 1757
12 Aug 2006	Judicial Review sought by Fladgate Fielder regarding Westminster Council's Decision to grant planning consent to a Land Sec project

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## Publications

17 Jun 2017	Hopkins Homes in the Supreme Court
26 Sep 2016	Making a Neighbourhood Plan: The Examiner's Role and Perspective