

Election 2017

Standing for Chairman 2017/18 – No election



Vicky Fowler
Partner, Gowling WLG

Vicky is a solicitor and partner in the award winning Planning team of Gowling WLG jointly leading their compulsory purchase and compensation work. Vicky appears as a leading individual in the legal directories with accolades that describe her as “a thoughtful and incisive lawyer who has great capacity”.

Vicky became a Committee Member of the CPA in 2015 and is a strong supporter of its aims and objectives. Vicky is particularly committed to the reform of the compulsory purchase process and compulsory purchase compensation and while on the Committee has chaired the reform sub group, participating in the representations and discussions with DCLG.

Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1998 Vicky has advised on a large number of regeneration and infrastructure projects involving the use of compulsory purchase powers and the settlement of compensation claims including: Bracknell town centre; the Homes and Communities Agency’s regeneration of Greenwich Peninsula; Woolwich Love Lane and Liverpool City Council’s development of Liverpool One (Paradise Street). Vicky also advised on the implementation of the compulsory purchase powers in the Thames Tunnel Tideway Development Consent Order.

As well as acting for promoters of compulsory purchase orders Vicky also advises claimants. Vicky advised Apethorpe Country Estate on compulsory purchase compensation issues following DCMS’s compulsory Acquisition of the Grade I Listed country house, Apethorpe Hall and have advised claimants on representations and compensation claims relating to HS2, Metrolink, CTRL and Crossrail. The breadth and depth of experience that Vicky has gained provides a balanced perspective of the issues that concern members and the parties they advise.

Standing for the post of Vice Chairman 2017/18 – No election



Jonathan Stott
Managing Director, Gateley Hamer

As a Chartered Surveyor I’ve specialised in the discipline of compulsory purchase and compensation for over 14 years. During that time I’ve advised promoters on some of the UK’s largest regeneration and infrastructure projects and advised landowners affected by projects including Crossrail, Thames Tideway Tunnel, Heathrow and High Speed 2.

I’ve been actively involved with the CPA for a number of years, including being a member of the National Committee since 2015. I’m also a member of the Midlands Working Group and I was previously a member of the Young CPA Steering Group. During the past 12 months I’ve chaired the CPA’s Outreach working group, during which time we have seen a significant increase in the number of student members, developed stronger relationships with Universities and facilitated relationships between student members and prospective employers.

In addition to my work with the CPA I also regularly write blogs and contribute to articles relating to compulsory purchase, as well as presenting at seminars and conferences and tweeting as @MisterCPO on Twitter.

Being a member of the National Committee has been a great experience and I’m committed to continuing my contribution and supporting Vicky in the role of vice Chair.

Standing for 6 places on the CPA Committee 2017/18 – An election will be held



Paul Astbury
Partner, Carter Jonas

I am currently serving on the Committee/Board as Honorary Secretary and we have successfully delivered the change to a company limited by guarantee as of 1st August, as mandated by members in 2015 and 2016. I have also been closely involved with the CPA consultation and lobbying that helped shape the significant CPO reforms in the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, although the final forms of those Acts were not entirely our fault! I have helped to forge closer links between the CPA and RICS, both through our reform agenda and co-authoring the new RICS professional statement *Surveyors advising in respect of compulsory purchase and statutory compensation* which, as surveyor members will no doubt be aware, came into force in April.

There is still a lot for the CPA to do. We have a unique body of experience across our membership which is recognised by Government and we are helping to shape compulsory purchase law and practice for the 21st Century. We also need to grow our industry, particularly in terms of bringing younger practitioners into compulsory purchase to build capacity and longevity for our specialism across all the disciplines. I would very much appreciate your support to allow me to contribute to these ongoing challenges on the CPA Board.



Charles Clarke
Principal Lawyer, Transport for London

Charles is a Principal Lawyer at Transport for London and has previously been a partner at law firm Bircham Dyson Bell. Charles has extensive experience in acting for acquiring authorities on compulsory purchase issues. He has previously advised on projects such as the Hinkley Point C Connection Project and the Richborough Connection Project and currently advises on a range of projects for Transport for London including Crossrail 2, Bakerloo Line Extension, East London crossings, highway schemes as well as the Bank, Camden and Holborn station capacity upgrades.

Charles was also involved in the passage of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 through Parliament and remains actively involved in future law reform.



Barry Denyer Green
Barrister, Falcon Chambers

Barry Denyer-Green is a barrister in practice at Falcon Chambers, and the author of a book on Compulsory Purchase and Compensation. He is a past Chairman of the CPA, and has sat on its National Committee, and is currently a director of the CPA in its Company form. He feels that he can still offer advice and assistance in the challenging times we now face. He has been part of the consultation process that led up to the enactment of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (the new scheme rules), and is currently engaged with the CPA's proposals for a pre-action protocol or similar guidance to facilitate the process of acquisition and compensation.



Sara Fowler
Partner, Ernst & Young LLP

I am a partner with Ernst & Young (EY) in the Midlands, one of the big 4 accountancy firms. I have been with EY for 30 years, the last 17 as a partner in Birmingham. Until 30 June 2017 I was the Senior Partner for EY in the Midlands and previously I led EY 's forensic practice. Alongside my role at EY, I am the chair of the CBI in the West Midlands and the chair of St Basils, a Birmingham based charity that acts to prevent youth homelessness. I am also a Practising Member of the Academy of Experts and a CEDR accredited mediator.

As an expert in forensic services, I specialise in working with clients to develop strategies for dispute management involving negotiated settlements, mediations and arbitration. As the head of EY's compulsory purchase team, my primary area of specialism is advising on financial and commercial issues in relation to compensation claims arising on extinguishment and/or relocation.

In that regard I have acted as an expert witness in claims for compulsory purchase over a period of 20 years and have given evidence in court proceedings including what is now the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber), most notably as the accounting expert for the claimant in the Optical Express case.

As a Board member of the Compulsory Purchase Association I would bring:

- as a partner in one of the largest professional services firms in the Midlands and the chair of the CBI West Midlands, a focus on the impact of infrastructure schemes on the region particularly in light of the government's industrial strategy, the focus on greater devolved powers to the West Midlands Combined Authority and the impact of HS2
- my expertise in finance and, given my role as a forensic accountant and CEDR accredited mediator, a particular focus on developing the use of alternative dispute resolution strategies in compulsory purchase claims
- a passion for seeking to bring fairness and equity in to compulsory compensation claims by way of innovative and pragmatic means



Richard Guyatt
Partner, Bond Dickinson LLP

Richard is a partner with Bond Dickinson solicitors, based in Bristol. He has over 20 years' experience in compulsory purchase law and compensation. He is a past chair of the Compulsory Purchase Association and prior to being Chair he headed the reform group of the Association. On behalf of the Association he has participated in discussions with HM Treasury, Department for Communities and Local Government and other statutory or parties promoting land assembly.

He advises acquiring authorities on CPOs, Development Consent Orders and land assembly following Transport and Works Act Orders. For claimants, Richard has drafted petitions to Select Committee for companies and public corporations affected by Crossrail and HS2. He regularly lectures on infrastructure and compulsory purchase law.



David Holland
Partner, Squire Patton Boggs

I am a solicitor and Partner in the Compulsory Purchase and Compensation team at Squire Patton Boggs, specialising in land compensation matters, including compulsory purchase compensation claims, claims under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and compensation matters in the aviation, energy and utilities sectors.

I am experienced in advising both Acquiring Authorities and claimants in compensation matters, including in relation to matters involving some of the most high profile recent schemes such as HS2, Crossrail and Thameslink. I regularly advise clients in proceedings before the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) and have acted in compensation cases in both the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

I have been an active member of the Compulsory Purchase Association for approaching 10 years, regularly attending and speaking at national and regional CPA events, including jointly delivering the Tony Johnson Memorial Lecture at the CPA AGM in 2016.

I am also proud to be a founder member of the Young Compulsory Purchase Association and to have continuously served on the steering committee of the YCPA since its inception in 2013.

I am committed to being involved in the CPA and, through my role as the Joint Regional Convenor of the CPA for Yorkshire, advancing the activities of the association in the regions.

I also enjoy being involved in the reform activities of the CPA and have contributed to the preparation of the draft Pre-reference Protocol for Compulsory Purchase Compensation Claims currently under consideration by the association and its members.

I would welcome the opportunity to become a Director of the CPA Board and to play an active role in contributing to and promoting the activities of the association in the future.



Adrian Maher
Director, aspireCP

Adrian Maher is a director of AspireCP and has 30 years experience in providing compulsory purchase advice to acquiring authorities. Until recently he led the Operational Property team at Transport for London and was responsible for the land acquisition on a number of major compulsory purchase schemes including the East London Line extension, Jubilee Line extension, Croydon Tramlink and Crossrail 1. He has been responsible for a number of leading compulsory purchase cases such as Urban Edge, Spirerose, PLA and Great Portland Estates. He has extensive experience in the assessment and payment of compensation and was responsible for a property compensation budget of over £1.1bn. Since 2013 he has been a committee member of the CPA and played a leading role in the new compulsory purchase legislation in the Housing and Planning Act and Neighbourhood Planning Bill. If elected he will collate best practice in CPO and publish on the CPA web site as part of the wider agenda to change behaviours.



David Mundy
Partner and Parliamentary Agent, Bircham Dyson Bell

David is a partner and Roll A Parliamentary Agent with Bircham Dyson Bell, Solicitors. He has many years' experience in promoting compulsory purchase orders at the heart of regeneration schemes, including in the context of urban regeneration, transport infrastructure and ports related development. This includes schemes under the Transport and Works Act, the Harbours Act and hybrid Bills/Acts of Parliament as well as the TCPA. He also works in the areas of Public law and Public Procurement and state aid which commonly arise in the context of compulsory purchase.

David is a firm believer in the need for legislative change to further clarify compulsory purchase law and compensation to make it more efficient and more fair. If elected he would be active in promoting, with consultation, further streamlining of the framework under which we all practise.

David is also a supporter of the educational side of the CPA and would like to see that aspect develop, particularly in the context of the Young CPA, over the next few years. He recently presented with colleagues to the young CPA on the topic of compulsory purchase in Hybrid Bills and believes there is more scope for training and development or younger practitioners in the field. As a director he would wish to take this forward.



Keith Murray
Principal, Keith Murray Consultants Ltd

Keith Murray is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

He started his career with the District Valuers Office, more years ago than he cares to mention, where he dealt with all aspects of compulsory purchase and compensation advice; advising only local authorities and government departments. On leaving the DVO he was a partner with Edwin Hill in charge of the Specialist Services Department responsible for advising largely claimant clients in connection with these matters until 2000 when he set up in practice on his own account; continuing to specialise in CPO compensation but advising both claimants and acquiring authorities.

Keith has been an advocate for compensation law reform for many years and with other committee members has provided input into the many recent reforms now in law. However he continues to see the need for further reform and if elected would continue with his committee colleagues to work towards this goal, where his past experience of compensation practice from both claimant and acquiring authority viewpoints will always be of benefit in trying to ensure that reforms are truly both fairer and simpler to apply.



Gary Soloman
Head of Planning and Compulsory Team, Burges Salmon

I am a partner and head of Burges Salmon's Planning and Compulsory Purchase team. I provide compulsory purchase and compensation advice to both acquiring authorities and claimants on a wide range of regeneration, infrastructure and energy schemes. I have sat on the CPA Committee/Board for four years and I am currently part of Governance and Strategic Development Working Group. I have enjoyed my time on the Committee and I am keen to be re-elected.



Michele Vas
Managing Associate, Dentons

Michele is a planning and CPO lawyer in Dentons' Planning and Public Law team. Michele has over 15 years of experience of promoting and resisting CPOs particularly where required to secure town centre regeneration, and has served as a CPA committee member over the past year. Michele has recently been instructed by the Royal Borough of Greenwich to advise on the use of CPO deliver a mixed use regeneration scheme in Woolwich and also by Southampton City Council on the use of CPO powers for the redevelopment of the Bargate Centre. As part of the CPO process Michele advises on compensation related issues and various compromise arrangements. Michele is recognised in the Legal 500 and Chambers directory for her technical expertise in compulsory purchase matters.



Abigail Walters
Partner, Shakespeare Martineau

Compulsory Purchase is an essential tool for regeneration and infrastructure delivery which also has a significant impact on claimants and I feel having an understanding of being on both sides of the equation would enable me to represent you, the members of the CPA, in the best way possible. The work of the CPA in achieving recent law reform has been significant in bringing improvements to the system and I feel strongly about the need for further reform.

I am a partner within the planning team at Shakespeare Martineau based predominantly out of their Leicester office in the East Midlands. We have offices in Birmingham and London amongst others, which also allows me to work out of these cities. Having worked, and continuing to work, in both London and the Regions I provide a strong link between the areas that I think will be a great benefit to the CPA committee and both the London and Regional members.

I qualified as a solicitor 16 years ago in Local Government and worked in two London Boroughs before spending nearly 11 years with Berwin Leighton Paisner in London. I have worked on the promotion of numerous compulsory purchase orders for acquiring authorities through to confirmation and beyond, in relation to mixed use town centre regeneration, estate renewal schemes and infrastructure provision for utility companies. This gives me a good understanding of the process from an acquiring authority's perspective.

In 2014 I moved to Peterborough to set up a planning department in a regional firm. In this role, I took on more instructions acting for objectors to compulsory purchase orders and claimants in relation to compensation claims. In February 2016 I moved to Shakespeare Martineau and have continued to act primarily for claimants ranging from utility companies to individuals affected by compulsory purchase in all its various guises, whether CPO's, TWAO's or Hybrid Bills. This work has given me a very good insight in to the problems faced by claimants, and their advisors, in seeking equity in our compensation system and highlighted other significant issues faced by parties affected by the processes of compulsory acquisition generally.

I have been an active member of the CPA for over 5 years and regularly attend CPA events both in London and the Midlands. I have previously provided input to various consultation processes that the CPA have engaged in and assisted in the past in relation to the law reform sub committee. If elected I would be honoured to give my time, energy and passion for compulsory purchase to the work of the CPA.



John Webster
Senior Associate, Osborne Clarke LLP

An appointment onto the CPA Board would enable me to further promote the CPA through its regional presence, an objective I have already been part of through CPA seminars and social events in the South West. I am also keen to promote the CPA to a wider audience and raise the profile and highlighting the skills that CPA members can bring to delivering infrastructure and regeneration projects.

I have been a member of the CPA for three years and am a member of the Young Compulsory Purchase Association. To date I have been very involved in the South West Branch of the CPA, providing material for the CPA publication "Compulsory Purchase: An effective tool for local authorities" and speaking at the launch event in May of this year. I am keen to see a younger and more diverse membership of the CPA.

As a senior lawyer at Osborne Clarke, I have recently been involved in a number of large linear CPO projects for energy developments, particularly Western Power Distribution's Brechfa Forest Connection DCO and SSE's Claydon to Bicester Schedule 3 Electricity Act CPO. I am also acting on several other regeneration CPO's in London and South East.

I am a strong supporter of the CPA's objectives and believe that raising the profile of the CPA in the regions outside of London should continue to be a key aim of the CPA. I would hope to support in this regard on the CPA Board.