


## Election 2020

There is an election for board members through September. Members will receive an invitation to vote from electionbuddy.com on Wednesday 2 September 2020.

To assist members in deciding who to vote for, here are the candidates CV's and election statements.

### Candidates standing for Director. There are 6 board places, and 9 candidates

<p><b>James Maurici QC</b>  <b>Barrister</b>  <b>Landmark Chambers</b></p> 	<p>I am a barrister at Landmark Chambers. I was called to the Bar of England &amp; Wales in 1996. I was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2013.</p> <p>My practice has encompassed all aspects of compulsory purchase for nearly 25 years. A recent example was acting for Highways England and Walsall Borough Council on the inquiry into the Highways England Company Limited (M6 Junction 10) (Slip Roads, Special Roads) Scheme 2018 and related orders all concerned with highway alterations and improvements at Junction 10 of the M6. I have defended a number of High Court challenges to compulsory purchase orders including the Olympic CPO challenges. I also regularly act in compulsory purchase compensation matters. In addition, I have written and lectured widely on State aid issues in relation to compulsory purchase (see e.g. State aid in planning and compulsory purchase order cases J.P.L. 2015, 6, 621-643) and I regularly advise on these issues.</p> <p>I was until recently the chair of the Planning Practice Group in Landmark Chambers. Between 2008 and 2016 I was on the Council of United Kingdom Environmental Law Association ("UKELA") and was also on the Executive Committee of UKELA for much of that time. I chaired the organizing committee for the annual UKELA conference for 3 years. I thus have considerable experience on working as a board member for professional organisations similar to the CPA.</p> <p>I would like the opportunity to make use of my considerable experience of compulsory purchase and also my experience working in similar professional associations by becoming a CPA Board member.</p>
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**Abigail Walters**  
**Associate Director**  
**BCLP**



I am an Associate Director with BCLP in London and I specialise in compulsory purchase related work. During the last 20 years I have worked with both Acquiring Authorities and Claimants advising on a range of different projects covering all aspects of the Compulsory Purchase system including compensation. As such, I have a good understanding of some of the difficulties facing both Acquiring Authorities and Claimants operating in our current system and therefore the need for organisations such as the CPA to promote best practice and engage with the Government to ensure fair and appropriate changes to the system.

As a CPA board member for the last two years, and having volunteered on sub-groups prior to that, I am very supportive of the important work of the CPO in promoting best practice, looking at how to change adversarial behaviours and engaging with Government in relation to changes to law and policy. During my last two years on the board I have been involved in a number of sub-groups including chairing the utilities sub group, who are organising a stakeholder event in the near future to look at the pressures the utilities sector is facing and whether the legislative framework is in place to deliver government objectives including Net Zero. It is intended that this event will inform future events to engage the membership in issues of concern to the utilities sector around land assembly/infrastructure delivery. I would be pleased to continue to represent the CPA membership on the board in future and continue to input to this important and interesting work, if re-elected onto the Board.

Whilst I am now working for a London firm, I live and have worked recently in the regions. Accordingly I am very much in support of the effort that the CPA is making to engage and provide events for membership in the regions not just in London, including holding the Annual Conference in Birmingham. During my current board membership I have made an effort to attend CPA events including travelling to these regional events in support of this aim. If re-elected I would continue to be a voice for the regions on the Board.

**Caroline Daly**  
**Barrister**  
**Francis Taylor Building**



Caroline was called to the Bar in 2013. Her experience covers the full range of compulsory purchase and compensation work. She has been involved in a number of significant projects in recent years including the Aylesbury Estate CPO, the Redcar Steelworks CPO and High Speed 2, and is currently engaged in promoting the Tower and Ashbourne CPO with Slough Borough Council.

Over the last 4 years, Caroline has been an active member of the CPA Future steering committee, acting as its chair in 2019-2020. She has organised a number of events for CPA Future including the recent successful webinar on top tips for going to the Tribunal. Caroline has also spoken at various CPA events, and will present on the public sector equality duty at this year's National Conference.

Caroline seeks to continue her active involvement with the CPA through election to the Board. She is keen to ensure that the interests of more junior practitioners are represented on the Board, and that steps are taken by the CPA to encourage new recruits to CPO-related professions in the years ahead. Caroline is also keen to continue to ensure that the interests of the Bar, and the wider legal profession, are well represented on the Board.

**David Holland**  
**Partner**  
**Squire Patton Boggs**



I am a solicitor and Partner in the Compulsory Purchase and Compensation team at Squire Patton Boggs.

I have proudly served as a Director on the Board of the CPA for two years and am the current Honorary Secretary of the CPA, playing a central role in the governance of the CPA.

My professional specialism is 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 higher courts.

I am longstanding and active member of the Compulsory Purchase Association, regularly attending and speaking at national and regional CPA events, including most recently chairing the CPA's 'Land Compensation Claims – Two Year Review' webinar and participating in the CPA Future' 'Top Tips for Going to the Tribunal' webinar events this year.

I enjoy contributing to the reform activities of the CPA and am a member of various CPA working groups, including the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Utilities groups.

I am a strong advocate for the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution in compensation matters and am experienced in successfully resolving claims through many forms of ADR, including mediation, early neutral evaluation and expert determination. I am keen to promote the use of ADR in CPO matters, recently giving evidence to the All Parliamentary Working Group exploring potential reforms to develop the role of ADR in the planning and compulsory purchase system.

I am committed to supporting the CPA in its efforts to promote reform and good practice in the sector. I would welcome the opportunity to be elected and continue as 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.

**Jonathan Stott**  
**Managing Director**  
**Gateley Hamer**



I'm immediate past Chair of the CPA and Managing Director of Gateley Hamer. I've served on the CPA Board for 5 years, having previously spent two years on what was the Young CPA steering group (now CPA Future).

I joined Gateley Hamer in Birmingham in 2013 to establish their Compulsory Purchase & Compensation team and I've been doing compulsory purchase work for 16 years, having previously spent nine years at Ardent, in Liverpool and London.

I advise both acquiring authorities and claimants. I'm a RICS accredited expert witness with experience of giving evidence to public inquiries, hearings, Select Committees and the Upper Tribunal. I also contributed to the RICS Professional Statement for surveyors advising in relation to compulsory purchase. And the Guidance Note for surveyors advising in relation to telecoms.

I've enjoyed being an active member of the Board and I'm keen to serve a further two years, to help to progress further reforms focusing on improved early engagement and early independent valuations, which I believe will help to reduce levels of litigation and ensure the process works more quickly, effectively and fairly for all.

As if to underline the fact I'm a CPO geek my Twitter handle is @MisterCPO, although I remain open to offers if anybody wishes to acquire that handle for themselves! Why wouldn't you?!

**Henry Church**  
**Senior Director**  
**CBRE**



I am a Senior Director at CBRE, having joined the company over 14 years ago. In a career of over 25 years I have acted for acquiring authorities and claimant on schemes across England, Scotland and Wales covering roads, rail and energy infrastructure schemes as well as town centre regeneration.

I was first elected to the CPA over 6 years ago and in the role of treasurer I have a key role in Governance. During my time in this role I overseen the incorporation of the CPA as well as building on the excellent work my predecessors did in respect of the Association finances that now sees us on an incredibly secure financial footing.

As well as overseeing the financial position I am very enthusiastic about ensuring that members review value for money from their subscription and, with others, am seeking to provide more events which are either discounted or free to members. I intend to continue this role as we seek to show the value of membership.

I also actively support our ongoing reform agenda.

I do hope that I can count on your support

**Anthony McNamee**  
**Associate**  
**Farrer & Co**



Anthony McNamee is an Associate at Farrer & Co a law firm which acts for parties with significant property holdings. He is dual qualified in England & Wales as well as Scotland. Over the last ten years he has been active in promotion of infrastructure projects and in advising claimants in relation to compensation claims. On the objector and claimant side he acted for a number of parties affected by the 2012 London Olympics compulsory purchase processes as well as owners affected by the Bank Station TWAO, HS2, Crossrail 1 and other prospective schemes.

Anthony has been a member of the Compulsory Purchase Association since 2014 and was Co-ordinator of the CPA Future Steering Group for 2018/2019. He currently sits on the Law Society of Scotland Planning Law Sub-committee.

At Farrer & Co Anthony acts exclusively for parties affected by compulsory purchase proposals. He is standing because the coming years will see major reform of planning law and thinks that the CPA Committee needs to maintain a strong balance between those members who act primarily for acquiring authorities and those who only act for claimants.

Anthony would also like to contribute by building on his experience as CPA Future co-ordinator to focus on member engagement, learning and development. He believes that there is a new opportunity post Covid-19 to use technology to bring the Board closer to members.

**Raj Gupta**  
**Partner**  
**Town Legal**



Raj is a partner at Town Legal and has more than 20 years' experience in compulsory purchase, planning and infrastructure law and is particularly well known for his expertise in land compensation disputes, having acted for the successful parties in a number of well-known cases including Spierose, Urban Edge and Curzon Park. Raj acts primarily for land owners and occupiers affected by compulsory purchase with a particular emphasis on advising claimants affected by HS2 and highways projects. Raj also acts for promoters of and objectors to major infrastructure projects for clients including TfL, Network Rail and Car Giant.

Raj has an active role as a CPA board member, having been involved in the drafting of the Land Compensation Claims Protocol, reform proposals for the temporary possession regime and the CPA's response to the Tribunal's revised practice directions.



**Merle Boyd**  
Director, Rural  
Savills



My name is Merle Boyd. I am a Director with Savills and I am based in the Perth Office. I sit within the professional team under Rural Energy and Projects and head up the Compulsory Purchase Board within this for Scotland and the UK within Savills.

I qualified from Aberdeen University in 2005 with a Bachelors degree in Land Economy. I worked for Davidson and Robertson Rural where I started my training and my RICS Assessment of Professional Competence (APC) and moved to Savills half way through where I was successful in passing my APC first time round. From the start of my career as a trainee, I was heavily involved in utilities and compulsory purchase work. At Davidson and Robertson Rural, I acted on behalf of Scottish Water and Scottish Gas Networks in negotiating access agreements, implementing statutory notices for access, and compensation claims for water, sewerage and gas schemes. I also assisted in the Lands Tribunal case for Dundas Estate in relation to the M9 Spur extension.

After moving to Savills, I became primarily involved in Estate Management and was responsible for the day to day management of the Wemyss Estate in Fife. This gave me experience not only in traditional management matters but the negotiation of various wind farm deals and opencast coal mines. There was a Scottish Power transmission power line running through one of the opencast coalmine sites and we terminated the Wayleave agreement to be able to work the minerals below the tower. The case ultimately progressed through the Necessary Wayleave process and to public inquiry. At the time Scottish Power were seeking a 40 year Necessary Wayleave yet we were successful in getting a 3 year Wayleave granted. We also claimed compensation for sterilised coal reserves due to the presence of the tower and its stand off distances.

I was involved in various claims in relation to the Beaulieu Denny power line. I have dealt with objections to the scheme, negotiated access and compensation claims, including injurious affections claims, for its impact on various types of property including farmland, residential properties and sporting estates.

I am currently involved in a number of road schemes in Scotland and England including the dualling of the A9, A66, A1 and A96. My team has been involved from the beginning of these schemes advising clients from the consultation stages through to draft Orders and then the claim stage in due course. I have been involved in the preparation and proceedings of Public Local Inquiries where objections have been sustained for these schemes, providing specialist reports on a number of aspects of the objections.

I would like to stand as a board member in order to raise the profile of compulsory purchase but also to make a difference. Through my work and involvement, particularly through road schemes and acting for affected

parties, it is clear that the legislation is not always fit for purpose. There is also a lot of sub-standard work being carried out by contractors. Sometimes it is not clear whether fault lies with the contractor or the acquiring authority in terms of the contracts but what is apparent, is that innocent affected parties can be in a very difficult position and often lack sufficient resources and expertise to claim fair and just compensation for damage endured to their property or businesses through a compulsory process, and through no fault or action of their own. This does not seem fair or just. I would like to raise this and look at ways these issues can be mitigated to make the compulsory process fairer and more transparent for everyone affected while allowing projects and schemes to be delivered effectively and in a cost efficient way for the public good.