

Election of Officers

Board Members



Barry Denyer Green Hon RICS Hon CAAV LL.M
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Barrister, Falcon Chambers

I am a barrister at Falcon Chambers, and a large proportion of my work concerns compulsory purchase and compensation matters. I am also the author of Compulsory Purchase and Compensation (11th Edition) 2018.

As a present member of the Board of the CPA, I am well aware of the dedication of board members to the organisation, and the work that is done in relation to law reform, engagement with government departments, training and consultation responses. I hope that my experience will be useful to the CPA, as it develops from strength to strength. The field of compulsory purchase will continue to face challenges in the future, but the CPA is in a good position to address them.



Adrian Maher BSc (Hons) MRICS
Managing Director, Aspire Compulsory Purchase

Adrian has over 30 years' experience in managing compulsory purchase projects for the public sector. He led the compulsory purchase team at Transport for London with a compensation budget over £1.1 billion pounds on projects such as Crossrail. Three years ago he founded Aspire Compulsory Purchase Ltd, which specialises in advising acquiring authorities, interfaces with rail infrastructure, assurance on best practice and is developing specialist IT systems for compulsory purchase finance and PCE risk management.

In his last 10 years at TfL, his team managed 48 Tribunal cases and was also responsible for some of the leading compensation decisions at the Upper Tribunal such as Spirerose and Bishopsgate Space Management.

Adrian's election to the board will give an experienced acquiring authority perspective to the largely claimant side experience of other board members. Over his previous terms he has put considerable energy into the reform of legislation and can play a key role in driving the reform agenda.



Paul Astbury,
Partner, Carter Jonas

I have been working in compulsory purchase for almost thirty years, firstly at Transport for London and then in the private sector at GL Hearn and Carter Jonas.

I have acted for acquiring authorities on schemes around the country including London, Canterbury, Birmingham, Doncaster and Leeds.

I have advised claimants from London to Inverness. I have been actively involved in the CPA since 2006 and have greatly enjoyed contributing to the Association's successes on law reform and engagement with Government and other key stakeholders.

I served as Chair in 2009/10 and Hon Secretary since 2016. The CPA is in a great place at present and I would relish the chance to continue helping our Association to build membership, deliver value to members throughout the UK, and support our successful law reform and education initiatives.



John Sayer

Chartered Surveyor and Senior Director, CBRE Ltd

John is a Chartered Surveyor and Senior Director in the CBRE Compulsory Purchase Team based in London. He has over 17 years of property experience, the last 12 years he has focussed on compulsory purchase and land assembly. He advises a variety of acquiring authorities, development partners, and claimants on regeneration and infrastructure projects across the UK.

Whilst serving on the CPA board John has taken the lead for the CPA's communication activities. This is a vital part of raising the profile of both the CPA and industry in which we work. As a result of this the CPA has featured in a number of national press articles which was an important step to raise awareness of the CPA's activities. Before being elected to the CPA Board John was a member of the Young CPA steering group since its inception in 2013 and also undertook the co-ordinator role for the group.



Richard Guyatt

Partner, Womble Bond Dickinson LLP

Richard's advises on major infrastructure projects, CPOs, town and country planning, and highways. He advises project promoters, local authorities and other acquiring authorities or claimants on CPO matters.

He is the past chair of the Compulsory Purchase Association. Before becoming Chair he led the reform group of the Association and was involved in the CPA's work with CLG on the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017.

He currently co-ordinates the ADR sub-committee of the CPA. He holds CEDR's mediation accreditation.

He regularly lectures on infrastructure, compulsory purchase and compensation law.

Why are you standing?

I have been a member of the CPA Committee and Board for around 10 years. I have the enthusiasm and desire to make a difference to the way CPO and compensation law are applied.

I find the role as a Board member fascinating, stimulating and inspiring and I particularly enjoy engaging with the wider CPA membership to absorb lessons learned and shape the future best practice.

What can you contribute to Board of Directors role?

I am able to contribute my insight and experience on dealing with CLG and the other principal institutions involved in CPO and compensation law and practice. I am particularly committed to increasing the role of ADR in the process and hope that I may continue in my current role in advancing ADR to become more frequently used in the dispute resolution. I hope this can be of advantage to the Board and to CPA members.



Dan Knowles MRICS, RICS Registered Valuer
Director, Sawyer Fielding

Dan prides himself on being the voice of reason in the melting pot that is Estate Regeneration and is actively involved on a large number of residential lead schemes.

He founded Sawyer Fielding in 2013 and now leads a team of 7, representing homeowners affected by Compulsory Purchase.

In a post Aylesbury world of uncertainty, tightening viability set against a backdrop of increasing need for regeneration and resident ballots throwing a spanner in the works, Dan's expertise in representing homeowners is very helpful to the Board. He is actively involved on the Board already, heading the Estate Regeneration working group and playing a major role in the Board's proposals in regards to resident engagement, best practice on relocation strategies and legislative reform.

Dan said "I'm enjoying my time on the Board, taking a very active role and trying to make a real difference, ensuring homeowners are represented at the top table. I'd like to maintain my involvement as there's a lot more I'd still like to contribute so would really appreciate any votes that help me maintain my Board position."



Alasdair Lowe MSc MRICS
Associate, Compulsory Purchase & Compensation
Statutory Valuations, Cushman & Wakefield

Alasdair is an Associate in Cushman and Wakefield's Statutory Valuation department, specialising in CPO issues. He qualified in May 2010 and his experience has ranged from valuation and development through to, of course, advising on CPO issues. He has acted for both claimants and acquiring authorities, with my experience covering everything from local regeneration schemes, to nationally significant scheme. Similarly clients range from small independent business to nationally and internationally recognisable household names.

Alasdair is an advocate that the system should be as fair as possible, and has worked hard to ensure that just and fair compensation is paid to landowners and practical and equitable land assembly solutions to enable regeneration to be delivered and to fulfil its purpose.

His biggest 'hobby horses' have been the promotion of the industry to young surveyors and also 'access to justice' – a subject that Alasdair addressed the CPA AGM on in 2016. Alasdair is a former lead co-ordinator of CPA Future (formerly the Young CPA), filling the role for 12 months having sat on the steering committee for 18 months prior to that. He also delivers training on best practice.

Alasdair would use his place on the board to keep actively promoting the industry to young talent and to collaborate with peers on the board to ensure the excellent work that has been undertaken so far continues, and be part of helping the CPA maintain its position as a productive association and force for positive change in the industry.

Alasdair is also a member of the CPA Working Group - Early Independent Valuations.



Vicky Fowler,
Partner & Head of Planning and Compulsory
Purchase, Gowling WLG

I am a solicitor and partner and head the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Team at Gowling WLG.

I became a Board Member of the CPA in 2015 and I was the first female Chair of the CPA. I am a strong supporter of the CPA's aims and objectives. I am also an advocate of making the CPA inclusive and ensuring that the Association engages with members and there are opportunities to engage with the CPA up and down the country. I am particularly committed to the reform of the compulsory purchase process and compulsory purchase compensation and whilst on the Board have chaired the reform sub group, participating in the representations and discussions with MHCLG on the Housing and Planning Bill and the Neighbourhood Planning Bill. There are still provisions that remain to be enacted such as the temporary possession powers and my experience in this area as well as the good relationships built with MHCLG will be helpful going forward.

Since qualifying as a solicitor in 1998 I have 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; Liverpool City Council's development of Liverpool One (Paradise Street) and Estate Regeneration schemes. I also advised on the implementation of the compulsory purchase powers in the Thames Tunnel Tideway Development Consent Order and advise Highways England on a number of their Development Consent Orders.

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