

### **Education**

1994 Portsmouth University BSc (Hons)  
1997 Elected Member of RICS as ARICS (Now MRICS)  
2010 Associate of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
2013 Elected Fellow of RICS as FRICS

### **Career**

1988-89 British High Commission, Lagos, Nigeria  
1994 Citibank  
1994 Langley Slater Byers  
1997 Associate Director of Langley Byers  
1999 Director of Langley Byers Bennett

### **Consultancy**

Leasehold Reform: Allsop Central London Office; Berrys Chartered Surveyors

### **Awards**

2009 LBB voted Finalists at the ERMA's (News on the Block, Enfranchisement and Right to Manage Awards)  
2011 LBB voted Finalists at the ERMA's  
2013 LBB voted Finalists at the ERMA's  
2013 Justin Bennett – Runner-up, "Highly Commended" – Valuer of the Year  
2013 Justin Bennett – Winner – Expert Witness of the Year

### **Publications:**

Evening Standard on Section 5 of Landlord and Tenant Act 1987 – Right to First Refusal

News on the Block

Flat Living

Solicitor's promotional material and newsletters, for firms such as Davenport Lyons and Laytons

### **Specialisation:**

Valuation and the negotiation of matters relating to the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (collective enfranchisement/buying of the freehold of blocks of flats and lease extensions of flats) and Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (enfranchisement/buying of freeholds of houses).

### **Leading Cases:**

Willingale v Globalgrange Ltd [2000] 2 EGLR 55 – price and terms following landlord's failure to serve counter-notice.  
Glen International v Triplerose Ltd (CA) [2007] 2 EGLR 81 – correct address for service of Section 42 initial notice.  
Expert witness at the Central London County Court (before HHJ Marshall QC) in Anstruther v Vidas (2010), a case involving multiple valuation issues, including dilapidations and enfranchisement claims (Leasehold Reform Act 1967) on a substantial mixed-use building in South Kensington.

### **Other experience:**

- Tax valuations: to include Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax and ATED.
- Investment, Market and Mortgage/Secure Lending valuations, and "Qualified Surveyor" Reports under the Charities Act 1993. Advising a number of Social Landlords, Housing Associations, NHS Trusts and Charities, including Museums. This has led to a number of recent portfolio valuations for internal review within organisations, financial statements and as expert evidence matrimonial proceedings.
- Landlord and Tenant Act matters including rent reviews and lease renewals of both commercial and residential properties, for private individuals and institutions: Including the rent review of a 120,000 sqft; 1906, former railway carriage works on the South Coast on behalf of the landlord, which was the subject of the leading Landlord and Tenant case, Denis & Robinson Ltd v Kiossos Establishment (1987) 54 P&CR 282, prior to negotiating the sale of the property to the tenants, in the last year of their lease.
- Property Management, building and service charge advice.
- Expert Evidence in Litigation and Arbitration.