

Committee: **Committee of Adjustment**

Organization/Sector represented: **n/a**

Name: **Maria G. Mendes**

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **Practicing Lawyer for over 30 years in areas of Real Estate, Wills and Estates, and Family Law in City of London.**

Education: **LL.B. 1985; B.A. Hons. Psychology and Business 1982**

Skills: **Experienced in Real Estate Law. On Committee of Adjustment since 2000. Good Communication and Listening Skills. European background -- fluent in Portuguese.**

Interest reason: **Contributing to good planning decisions for City of London while taking into account neighbourhood concerns.**

Contributions: **I have the ability with my legal real estate knowledge to understand legal concepts and processes. I can analyze complex matters and make difficult decisions.**

Past contributions: **While as a member of the Police Services Board heard appeals from police officers and while on London Housing Board heard appeals from residents.**

Interpersonal: **As a Family Lawyer much of my day is negotiating on behalf of clients. I have also received special training as a Collaborative Family Law Lawyer, which is a collaborative approach to resolving legal disputes. I explore all information and take into account all points of view before making a decision.**

Interview interest: **No**