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Clever, calm and confident. He's notable for his incredible memory for detail.

- Chambers & Partners

Ben Hubble QC is a specialist in professional liability, disciplinary, regulatory and commercial work.

Much of Ben's work involves claims against accountants, actuaries, auditors, directors, financial advisers, financial institutions, insurance brokers, lawyers, pension consultants and tax advisers often following on from corporate collapse, lender losses, increased pension scheme liabilities or failed tax and investment schemes. Multi-party and group litigation is a particular expertise. In addition, Ben concentrates on: commercial arbitrations and litigation both on and offshore; banking; insurance (particularly coverage and indemnity disputes) and claims arising from the financial services sector. Ben is a Senior Decision Maker for the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

In April 2020, Ben was featured as both 'Lawyer of the Week' in The Times and as the first 'Barrister of the Week' in The Lawyer. Ben's recommendations in the Directories extend to Professional Negligence, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Pensions, Offshore and Insurance. He is variously described as "*superb on every level: rolls up his sleeves and solves issues; adds huge value to anything he touches*", "*absolutely at the top of his game and excellent to work with*", "*his advocacy is fantastic. He really makes it all very simple and based in common sense*", "*analytical, innovative and easy to approach*", "*highly rated for his advocacy, focused advice and prompt response*", "*[a QC who] immediately earns clients' confidence due to his understanding and his forensic approach*", "*as conscientious and thorough as can be*", "*hardworking, bright and responsive*", "*the first name I think of for professional discipline accountancy cases*", "*one of the 'big beasts' of the Professional Negligence Bar and our first choice for big-ticket claims in that arena. He is very knowledgeable and articulate and he is an excellent advocate*" and "*very experienced and [able to] adapt his advocacy style to the particular tribunal he is addressing.*"

Ben regularly acts on the high value claims in the professional liability arena, particularly those where the dispute is of a commercial or international nature. In relation to lawyers' liability, Ben is frequently involved in claims with a multi-party element, such as the Right to Buy Litigation and various claims arising from failed property investment schemes.

Ben is particularly experienced in regulatory and professional disciplinary issues in the legal and financial sectors. Ben advises a number of city law firms on regulatory and compliance issues, as well as acting on disciplinary claims before the SDT. On the financial disciplinary side, Ben has longstanding expertise having acted in many of the large accountancy disciplinary proceedings of this decade. Ben is particularly adept at providing strategies to address the various regulatory and compensatory risks that arise from a breakdown in compliance or corporate governance.



Ben is a highly experienced trial lawyer and relishes his role as an advocate. Alongside that, Ben places particular emphasis on detailed preparation, teamwork and being as approachable and flexible as possible.

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Areas of Expertise

Pensions

“Very approachable and available to discuss points as and when they arise – a great team player and a pleasure to work with. Technically strong and with a strong appreciation of how points will be received by the court.” – Legal 500, 2021

Ben combines top level professional liability expertise (he is top Tier in the directories and is a former Chair of the Professional Negligence Bar Association) with a real understanding of pensions (he is ranked in Pensions in the Legal 500). His pensions experience dates back to when, as a junior, he acted for the Institute of Actuaries in (successfully) prosecuting Chief Executives and Appointed Actuaries of Equitable Life for misconduct.

Ben is regularly instructed in relation to high value pension claims brought by Scheme trustees and employers against former scheme consultants, actuaries and solicitors. He is particularly experienced in equalisation, Barber window and deeds cases.

Ongoing and recent examples include:

1. Acting for Aon in the Gleeds litigation, a claim for £50m+ by a pension scheme against the former scheme consultants and actuaries, as well as the scheme’s former legal advisers, for losses arising from invalid execution of scheme documents. This litigation also gave rise to the judgment of Fancourt J addressing Without Prejudice Privilege: *Briggs & Ors v Alexander Clay & 5 Ors [2019] EWHC 102 (Ch)* where Ben successfully argued that without prejudice communications between the Aon Defendants and the Claimants in the context of the Part 8 proceedings remained privileged against disclosure in the Part 7 Proceedings.
2. A £20m+ claim by pension scheme against former scheme consultants & actuaries (for whom Ben acted) as well as scheme solicitors in relation to consequences of flawed scheme documentation.
3. Claim by pension scheme against a firm of solicitors for alleged failure to ensure drafts of the consolidated rules for the Scheme reflected instructions accurately.
4. Claims against firms of solicitors, acting for pension schemes in underlying litigation, that run into difficulties relating to issues such as ambit of standstill agreements, limitation and/or settlement terms.
5. Acting for SIPP pension administrators (and their insurers) on numerous claims by investors who were convinced to cash in their occupational pension schemes and invest, via their pension administrator, in esoteric investments offshore.

Qualifications & Memberships

Ben is a former Chairman of the Professional Negligence Bar Association. He has sat on the Committees advising on the terms of the Professional Negligence Pre-Action Protocol and the Adjudication Scheme for Solicitors Negligence claims. He is also a member of the Chancery Bar Association and the Common Law & Commercial Bar Association.

Education

B.A. (Oxon.) Dip. Law (City)

Insights

The new Accounts Rules – what can you do?



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On 25 November 2019 the SRA Accounts Rules 2011 will cease to have effect, and will be replaced by new accounts rules. In one quarter-stroke of the draftsman's pen, 52 rules covering 50 pages of single-spaced typescript on pages of A4 will be replaced by 13 rules on 10 pages. The SRA has trumpeted loudly that the rules have been simplified and that they provide greater flexibility. Have they? Do they?