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

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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

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Ben has a broad commercial litigation practice, ranging from fire claims through to banking and security documentation. Ben particularly relishes proceedings involving security documentation dating back to his involvement in *Etridge* in the House of Lords. Ben spends much of his time as an advocate in the Commercial Court.

Recent and ongoing cases include:

- defending the lessee on a contribution claim for losses caused by a high profile fire at a storage warehouse; Ben identified and took a *Berni Inns* point that the lessor could have no claim against the lessee and, as such, there could be no contribution claim against the lessee either; an early preliminary issue was ordered and after service of Ben's Skeleton Argument the contribution claim against his client was discontinued;
- acting on the various business and loss of profits claims following on from the failure of an electricity generator for a large factory
- acting on a dispute over the collapse of a joint venture on formula 1 sponsorship deals and rights
- acting for leading building society in dispute as to whether a swap agreement had been entered into and, if so, whether the class of swap was subject to FSMA or not

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?

28 October 2019

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?