

# Benjamin Williams QC

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*He is extremely sharp witted, very good with clients and very accommodating*

- Chambers & Partners

**Ben is a commercial practitioner with an emphasis on insurance related disputes. He is also well known for his expertise on the law relating to solicitors, litigation funders, claims management companies and costs, as well as consumer and regulatory law. He is recommended in these areas by the major legal directories.**

Ben is also often instructed in group litigation (including follow-on claims in the Competition Appeal Tribunal), and in general matters of civil procedure, especially at an appellate level. He has a strong reputation as a 'problem-solver' who solicitors can turn to when a case is in trouble, regardless of its subject matter.

Ben is frequently instructed in cases with an international dimension, and also works closely with lawyers in the other UK jurisdictions and the Channel Islands. He is a member of the Bar of the British Virgin Islands.

Comments from the legal directories include:

*'Quickly gets to the heart of the issue, often coming up with a novel argument or approach ... exceptionally intelligent and fantastic on his feet.'*

*'Exceptionally bright... a stand-out advocate'*

*'Extremely sharp witted, very good with clients and very accommodating.'*

*'A tenacious cross-examiner, who quickly gets on top of the facts... there is no one brighter at the Bar'.*

*'Very approachable and collaborative while also being ferociously intelligent '*

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*'... a strong track record appearing in front of appellate courts.'*

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*'Mesmerising in court... [and] very difficult to defeat.'*

Ben previously edited *Cordery on Legal Services*, and is also a former member of the editorial panel of the White Book.

Reported cases include:

- *Horne v Prescott* [2019] 1 WLR 4808 (QBD)
- *Cameron v Liverpool Victoria Insurance Co* [2019] 1 WLR 1471 (SC)
- *Page v RGC Restaurants* [2019] 1 WLR 22 (QBD)
- *Cartwright v Venduct Engineering* [2018] 1 WLR 6137 (CA)
- *Irving v Morgan Sindall* [2018] Lloyd's Rep IR 614 (QBD)
- *Surrey v Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals* [2018] 1 WLR 5831 (CA)
- *Glasgow (Harlequin Property) v ELS Law* [2018] 1 WLR 1564 (ChD)
- *Howe v MIB* [2018] 1 WLR 923 (CA)
- *Cameron v Hussain* [2018] 1 WLR 657 (CA)
- *Merricks v MasterCard* [2017] 5 CMLR 16 (CAT)
- *McBride v UK Insurance* [2017] Lloyd's Rep IR 352 (CA)
- *Merrix v Heart of England* [2017] 1 WLR 3399 (QBD)
- *Bird v Acorn Group* [2017] CP Rep 8 (CA)
- *Howe v MIB* [2016] 1 WLR 2751 (QBD)
- *Eurasian Natural Resources Corp v Decherts LLP* [2016] 1 WLR 5027 (CA)
- *Webb v Liverpool Women's NHST* [2016] 1 WLR 3899 (CA)
- *Broadhurst v Tan* [2016] 1 WLR [1928] (CA)
- *Coventry v Lawrence* [2015] 1 WLR 3485 (SC)
- *Eurasian Natural Resources Ltd v Decherts* [2015] 1 WLR 462 (ChD)
- *Dalton v British Telecom* [2015] ICR 901 (QBD)

- Jones v Secretary of State for Energy [2014] 3 All ER 956 (CA)
- Ali v Ali [2014] RTR 6 (QBD)
- Jones v Secretary of State for Energy [2013] 3 All ER 1041 (CA)
- Singh v Yaqubi [2013] Lloyd's Rep IR 398 (CA)
- Bent v Highways & Utilities Construction [2012] Lloyd's Rep IR 577 (CA)
- Mulcaire v News Group Newspapers [2012] Ch 435 (ChD)
- Sayce v TNT [2012] 1 WLR 1261 (CA)
- Motto v Trafigura [2012] 1 WLR 657 (CA)
- W v Veolia Environmental Services [2012] 1 All ER (Comm) 667 (QBD)
- Sousa v Waltham Forest LBC [2011] 1 WLR 2197 (CA)
- Drew v Whitbread PLC [2010] 1 WLR 1725 (CA)
- O'Beirne v Hudson [2010] 1 WLR 1717 (CA)
- Copley v Lawn [2010] 1 All ER (Comm) 890 (CA)
- Aehmed v LSC (2009) The Times 4 May (CA)
- Roach v Home Office [2010] QB 256 (QBD)
- C v W [2009] 4 All ER 1129 (CA)
- Tankard v John Fredericks Plastics Ltd [2009] 1 WLR 1731 (CA)
- McCall v Poulton [2009] Lloyd's Rep IR 456 (CA)
- Hall v Stone (2008) The Times 1 February (CA)
- Bee v Jenson (No 2) [2007] 4 All ER 791 (QBD & CA)
- Bee v Jenson (No 1) [2007] Lloyd's Rep IR 451 (QBD)
- Rogers v Merthyr Tydfil CBC [2007] 1 WLR 808 (CA)
- Garrett v Halton BC [2007] 1 WLR 554 (CA)
- Kearsley v Klarfeld [2006] 2 All ER 303 (CA)
- U v Liverpool City Council [2005] 1 WLR 2657 (CA)
- Lagden v O'Connor [2004] 1 AC 1067 (HL)
- Hollins v Russell [2003] 1 WLR 2487 (CA)



- *Crosbie v Munroe* [2003] 1 WLR 2033 (CA)
- *King v Daltray* (2003) *The Times* 15 January (CA)
- *Clark v Ardington*; *Burdis v Livsey* [2003] QB 36 (CA)
- *Sarwar v Alam* [2002] 1 WLR 125 (CA)

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## Qualifications & Memberships

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Ben is a member of COMBAR, the PNBA and the London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Ben was educated at Exeter College, Oxford, where he was awarded a Stapeldon scholarship, and graduated with a BA in Modern History (1st class honours). He obtained his post-graduate Diploma of Law from City University London, winning the Inns of Court Studentship Award from the Council of Legal Education. He was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1994, where he was awarded a Hardwicke Entrance Scholarship and the Droop Scholarship. He has practised full time in London since 2000, and took silk in 2015.

## Publications

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### **Cameron v Liverpool Victoria Insurance Co Ltd: Suing Unnamed Defendants & the Approach to Alternative Service**

20 February 2019

Supreme Court decision in *Cameron v Liverpool Victoria Insurance Co Ltd*: all change on suing unnamed defendants and alternative/substituted service.

### **GDPR and group actions: the more the merrier**

15 May 2018

Benjamin Williams QC and George McDonald examine the impact that the General Data Protection Regulation, coming into force on 25 May 2018, is likely to have on group and representative actions for data protection breaches.

### **Construction Law & Practice (R Wilmot-Smith, OUP)**

Contributing author

### **Civil Procedure (the White Book)**

Editor

### **Cordery on Legal Services**

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