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Ben Smiley

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“Simply excellent – able to win the otherwise unwinnable. Very good on his feet and personable. Has impeccable attention to detail and is definitely a silk in the making.”



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Ben Smiley has a commercial practice encompassing all manner of business disputes. He is a leading junior in all his fields of practice.

He is described as “one of the stars of the junior Bar”, a “formidable advocate”, “a delight to work with” and “always first-rate”. Ben was shortlisted for Professional Negligence Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2023, Chancery Junior of the Year in the Legal 500 Bar Awards 2022 and for Chambers & Partners Professional Negligence Junior of the Year 2021.

His commercial practice is broad, comprising the full span of corporate, insurance, professional liability, insolvency, banking and financial services disputes. His substantial costs and funding experience complements those areas. Ben also has a strong regulatory and disciplinary practice, which covers both the financial and legal professions, and sport. His sport instructions overlap with his commercial practice, and have included corporate, insurance and professional liability disputes, and governance issues.

He is praised for his clear advice and effective advocacy, in applications, trials and appeals. A trial judge described his cross-examination as leaving the witness “punch drunk”. He is able to digest complex facts and analyse difficult legal issues, in heavyweight litigation. He has had recent success in the Supreme Court in *Armstead v RSA* – an important decision on issues including remoteness and the burden of proof.

Ben’s cases often have an international element, with work that has involved the Middle East, Africa, South America, Central Asia and the common offshore jurisdictions. Ben also deals with cases involving allegations of the utmost seriousness: fraud, dishonesty, deliberate wrongdoing and recklessness.

More detail in respect of the areas in which Ben accepts instructions can be found below.

Ben is named a “Leading Junior” in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. Comments include:

- “Excellent – great to work with and brilliant with clients.”
- “Ben Smiley is very intellectual and sharp.”
- “Ben is a good junior to work with. He is very responsive and gets into the paperwork – an upcoming star.”
- “Ben is an absolute delight to work with. Charming, hard-working and prepared to get stuck in.”
- “Ben takes a measured and methodical approach, advises the client in clear and transparent terms, and is very much a rising star capable of dealing with the most complex of disputes and drilling down into the key issues.”
- “Ben Smiley is very able and responsive. He is a pleasure to work with.”
- “He is approachable and easy to work with. Ben is flexible and is able to adapt on tricky nuanced cases. He is good at

thinking on his feet."

- *"One of the stars of the junior Bar; his paperwork is thorough and well drafted, and he is an extremely able lawyer."*
- *"Incredibly hard-working; he's one of the best juniors around and is undoubtedly a star of the future."*
- *"An extremely polished performer."*
- *"An extremely effective advocate who often out-performs his more senior opposing counsel. He is incredibly well prepared and has a sharp focus on the detail."*
- *"Highly adept at dealing with complex issues and difficult clients under extreme time pressure, and very user-friendly. He deals with matters pragmatically and commercially which is a great help."*
- *"He just works incredibly hard and produces excellent work."*
- *"An emotionally intelligent advocate who can adapt his style when necessary."*
- *"He has a particularly impressive ability to quickly digest the details of even the most complex cases. He is also a formidable advocate in court and has achieved some remarkable victories."*
- *"He's very clever, very affable, turns things around quickly and efficiently, and always thinks things through."*
- *"A really reliable and very capable junior barrister."*
- *"He provides clear, practical advice that goes to the root of the matter and is targeted to meet the aims of the client."*
- *"A good advocate, and a rising star."*
- *"An impressive junior with strong analytical skills."*
- *"Flexible in his methods and modern in his approach."*
- *"Incredibly charming, hands-on and [someone who] always responds."*
- *"An up-and-coming star, who has a keen mind and an engaging approach."*
- *"Always first-rate. Very slick, personable and hard working. He beats deadlines and is ahead of the game."*

Early in his career, Ben undertook secondments at international law firms and the Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority), working on international commercial cases, insurance matters, financial services regulation, professional liability work and sports disputes.

Just as comfortable providing advice as making submissions, and equally adept at written work as in court or conference, Ben has a keen understanding of the needs and objectives of solicitors, insurers and lay clients. He is happy to accept instructions in matters which cross the spectrum of 4 New Square's work.

Privacy Policy

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Expertise

Commercial Dispute Resolution

Commercial litigation is a central part of Ben's work.

Ben has a broad commercial practice. His areas of expertise include all types of business and corporate disputes across a variety of industry sectors, including banking and financial services, aviation, shipping, energy & utilities, mining, the sale of goods and others.

Ben is accustomed to handling heavy cases, involving a wealth of complex legal and factual issues. He covers the full spectrum of legal points arising in such cases, including contract disputes, commercial fraud, negligence allegations, breaches of duties by directors or trustees, shareholder and partnership disputes, and insolvency.

Ben's work often has an international element, whether involving foreign law(s), foreign jurisdiction(s), or foreign factual context. He advises on conflicts of law issues and has substantial experience of dealing with foreign law.

Ben is comfortable handling urgent, sensitive and/or difficult interim applications, including seeking or resisting freezing injunctions, anti-suit injunctions and *Norwich Pharmacal* relief.

Featured Commercial Litigation cases

- African bank; claim for c.£70m in the UK Commercial Court arising from the sale of a Zambian bank and its subsidiaries
- Supermarket installations; claim of repudiatory breach concerning failings at c.1,000 stores
- Online payment services; international dispute arising from Lebanese exchange rate issues
- Spread betting; claims against high profile customer involving numerous regulatory and contractual issues
- Bahraini bank; \$1.5bn claim in the Bahrain Chamber of Dispute Resolution concerning an insolvent bank.
- Acting for a mining company; \$10m dispute between a mining company and the Uzbek Ministry of Finance
- Telecomms dispute; Telecommunications dispute in the Middle East, concerning both contractual and statutory obligations
- UK shopping centres; £12m dispute concerning the financial management of several shopping centres
- Business transfer agreement; Claim concerning the enforcement of a business transfer agreement and the related sale of several properties
- UK petrol stations; Claim concerning purchase of a number of petrol stations and connected businesses
- Nigerian leasing arrangement; Dispute in respect of a proposed commercial leasing arrangement and the enforcement of security in Nigeria
- Insolvent LLP; £42m dispute concerning the management and insolvency of a limited liability partnership
- Share dispute; Substantial claim for the enforced sale and valuation of shares in a joint venture company

Insurance & Reinsurance

"Ben takes a measured and methodical approach, advises the client in clear and transparent terms, and is very much a rising star capable of dealing with the most complex of disputes and drilling down into the key issues." – Chambers & Partners

"Ben is commercial, pragmatic and efficient. He is incredibly responsive and produces written work of a very high standard. He's very user-friendly and accessible and provides succinct advice on complex issues." – Legal 500

"Ben is quick to produce draft pleadings, submissions and advice." ***"He is an extremely polished performer."*** ***"Ben's paperwork is thorough and well drafted. He is an extremely able lawyer."*** – Chambers & Partners

"Very clever – he thinks every option through and has great strategic awareness." – Chambers & Partners

Ben's practice has a particular emphasis on all insurance-related matters, acting for and against insurers. He has experience of both litigation and arbitration, in claims (and potential claims) involving:

- The potential impact of regulatory action on insurance coverage
- Material misrepresentation and non-disclosure
- Notification of claims and/or circumstances
- Aggregation issues
- Reinsurance and retrocession
- The construction of policy wording

Recent cases include:

- Tokio Marine Kiln Syndicates Ltd & others v Various [2022] EWHC 3323 (Comm): Ben acted for the families and estates who were the victims of a plane crash. Reinsurers had obtained an ex parte anti-suit injunction to prevent the individuals from pursuing claims in Florida against them for sums of USD 844 million. At the return hearing, the court was persuaded to discharge the reinsurers' anti-suit injunction.
- Spire Healthcare Ltd v Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Ltd [2022] EWCA Civ 17: Ben acted for the appellant insurer in a claim arising from the conduct of a disgraced breast surgeon. The Court of Appeal overturned the first instance decision,

holding that the relevant claims did aggregate as all the claims were consequent on or attributable to one source or original cause.

- Zurich Insurance Plc v Niramax Group Ltd [2021] EWCA Civ 590 and Niramax Group Ltd v Zurich Insurance Plc [2020] EWHC 535 (Comm): Ben acted for the insured waste company both at first instance and on appeal. The insured's claim substantially succeeded at first instance, and the insurer's appeal was dismissed. The case addressed issues of non-disclosure and inducement.

Professional Liability

"Ben is an exceptional junior. He is incredibly knowledgeable on the developments within the accountancy professional liability sector and right across the spectrum of professional liability cases." – Chambers & Partners

"Ben is fantastic – he is easy to work with, great with clients, clear and responsive in his advice. Clients really appreciate his strategy input as well as his drafting and technical work, and find him to be commercial and tuned-into the requirements of clients. He has fast become my number one choice at senior junior level." – Legal 500

"No doubt one of the stars of the junior Bar; his paperwork is thorough and well drafted, and he is an extremely able lawyer." "He is incredibly hard-working; he's one of the best juniors around and is undoubtedly a star of the future." – Chambers & Partners

"His preparation of opening and closing submissions was particularly impressive. He is very approachable and was easy to work alongside for both myself and **the client**." – Legal 500

"Technically excellent and very nice to work with." "Incredibly pragmatic and businesslike. Extremely good on knotty cases." – Chambers & Partners

"Ben is an extremely effective advocate who often out-performs his more senior opposing counsel. He is incredibly well prepared and has a sharp focus on the detail." – Legal 500

"Highly adept at dealing with complex issues and difficult clients under extreme time pressure, and very user-friendly. He deals with matters pragmatically and commercially which is a great help." "He just works incredibly hard and produces excellent work." – Chambers & Partners

Ranked as a leading junior by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, Ben was shortlisted for Chambers & Partners Professional Negligence Junior of the Year 2021.

Ben's practice takes in the whole gamut of professional liability work. He has particular experience of acting in claims involving the liability of:

- Lawyers (including both solicitors and barristers)
- Accountants and auditors
- Insolvency practitioners, administrators and liquidators
- Financial advisors
- Insurance brokers
- Surveyors and valuers

For further details, see the sections below in respect of key individual professions.

Financial Services Professionals

Ben has advised and acted in respect of many claims against financial services professionals, including:

- Financial advisors
- Tax advisors

- Insurers and insurance brokers
- Mortgage brokers and lenders
- Firms involved in administering and promoting investments

Having undertaken a secondment at the Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority), Ben has detailed knowledge of relevant regulatory law and practice.

Accountants, Auditors & Actuaries

Ben has particular experience and expertise in respect of the liability of those working in the accountancy professions: accountants, auditors and insolvency practitioners. He co-edits the chapter on accountants in Jackson & Powell (9th Ed). Ben has acted and advised in respect of numerous high value and complex disputes concerning *inter alia*:

- Allegations of failings by auditors in respect of planning, investigation and/or reporting;
- Industry-specific audits and regulatory requirements;
- Particular failures to note and warn of potential underlying fraud by/against the audited entity;
- Allegations of deliberate wrongdoing by the defendant professionals;
- Deficiencies in company and personal accounts and tax returns;
- Introductions and advice in respect of tax mitigation and unsuccessful complex tax schemes;
- Claims against administrators under paragraphs 74 and 75 of Sch B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986;
- Remuneration of administrators and liquidators.

Featured cases

- *Hoegh v MSR*: in a hard-fought case, Ben acted for the defendant firm of accountants, which was alleged to have been negligent in tax compliance work for two HNWLs, allegedly leading to c.£10m+ losses. The case gave rise to numerous procedural and substantive issues.
- *Knights v Townsend Harrison Ltd* [2021] EWHC 2563 (QB): Ben acted for the defendant firm of accountants in respect of alleged advice on a number of tax schemes and investments by its client. The defendant alleged that it had been the mere introducer of the schemes. The claim was defeated on each of duty, breach, causation, loss and limitation.
- *Re One Blackfriars Ltd* [2021] EWHC 684 (Ch); Ben acted for the former administrators of One Blackfriars Ltd, in defence of a claim brought by the joint liquidators, alleging losses of c.£250m. The claim involved wide-ranging allegations and a wealth of factual and expert issues. The trial was (at the time) the longest fully remote trial in the Chancery Division. The claims were defeated in their entirety, and indemnity costs were awarded against the liquidators.
- *Davey v Money* [2018] Bus LR 1903; The leading case on the duties owed by administrators, the use of agents, and interaction with appointing secured creditors. Ben (led by Justin Fenwick KC) successfully defended a claim against administrators for c.£90m.
- Claim by insurance company in liquidation against auditors; A claim for c.£85 million by an insurance company in liquidation against its former auditors. It was alleged that the auditors had negligently or recklessly failed to spot bogus assets in the financial statements.
- Complex claim by group of companies; Ben acted as sole counsel in defending a claim involving the auditing of the accounts of several companies within a group, raising complex issues of duty, loss and limitation.
- *Re Coniston Hotel (Kent) LLP* (in liquidation); A long-running claim against the joint administrators of an LLP. Ben (led by Justin Fenwick KC) acted for the joint administrators. The claim was struck out and summarily dismissed by Norris J and Morgan J. The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeals, and the Supreme Court refused permission to appeal.
- Claim in respect of tax advice; Defending a claim by a group of corporate and non-corporate entities and their members against a “Big Four” accountancy firm for negligent tax advice, in respect of the structuring of the entities and the tax relief that might have been obtained.
- Claim against auditors; Acting for auditors in an arbitration arising from a failure to identify alleged fraud by the company’s management. Losses of approximately US\$100m were claimed.
- Claim in respect of tax advice; Acting for a firm of accountants and tax advisers in respect of an alleged failure to obtain tax relief on the sale of a property.
- Acting for auditor; Defending a claim by a school and borough council in respect of allegedly negligent failures by the firm of auditors to uncover fraudulent practices by school staff.

Insurance Brokers & Agents

Ben is experienced in bringing and defending claims against insurance brokers, which draws on his knowledge of both general insurance work and regulatory requirements. He has particular experience in respect of claims relating to:

- The notification of circumstances to insurers
- Material non-disclosure by insureds
- Negligent placing of insurance

Ben acted for the successful claimant in the recent High Court claim: *Infinity Reliance Limited (trading as My 1st Years) v Heath Crawford Limited* [2023] EWHC 3022 (Comm). The judge described Ben's cross-examination as leaving the defendant witness appearing "punch drunk" due to the extent of concessions Ben extracted. Damages of £2.3m were awarded

Lawyers

Ben has acted in numerous claims against both solicitors and barristers. He has particular experience in respect of:

- Failures in corporate advice
- Lost litigation
- Negligent settlement
- Claims by lenders and clients relating to conveyancing
- The drafting and execution of wills
- Use and misuse of client funds
- Successfully bringing and defending wasted costs applications
- Advice in respect of business transactions and commercial agreements
- Family law disputes
- Lawyers acting as trustees

Featured cases

- Claim re alleged property fraud; Ben (led by Ben Hubble KC) acted for solicitors facing a claim by the joint liquidators of a property company, which was the client of the firm. The claim relates to payments made by the solicitors on the instructions of the client's directors/shareholders/beneficial owners, who are alleged to have defrauded the company and its investors.
- Claim re alleged tax advice; Ben acted for a firm of solicitors which is alleged to have provided negligent tax advice to an individual. The damages claimed exceed £55m. Each element of the claim is disputed. Duty, breach, causation, loss and limitation are all in issue.
- *Torrance v Bradberry* [2020] EWHC 3260 (QB); Ben successfully defended a barrister in respect of claims arising from her defence of an individual accused of rape. The barrister was found to be of "good judgment", and the claim was defeated on both breach and causation grounds. The case restates and emphasises the high threshold for establishing negligence against a barrister, and the complex loss of a chance issues which can arise.
- Claim re alleged client monies; Ben acted for a solicitors firm (in administration) which faces a claim for alleged client monies. Issues arise as to *inter alia* the terms on which those sums were transferred and/or held, estoppel, and the obligations (if any) owed to the claimant by the solicitors in respect of the monies.
- Collateral attack and abuse of process; Ben acted for both a solicitors firm and its employees in defending a c.£2m claim brought by a former client arising from her conviction for fraud. Ben was successful in obtaining summary judgment and/or striking out each of the claims on grounds including that the claim was a collateral attack and abuse of process. The Court of Appeal refused permission to appeal, and an Extended Civil Restraint Order was obtained.
- *Adams v Aroca* [2016] EWHC 2680 (QB), [2017] Bus LR 287; [2018] EWCA Civ 1589; Ben (led by David Turner KC) acted for the defendant Spanish lawyer, in respect of allegations relating to purchases of properties in Spain by British individuals. Successfully defended allegations of conspiracy and certain allegations of negligence. Difficult questions concerning the duties of the solicitors addressed at first instance and in the Court of Appeal.
- Successful claim on behalf of solicitors; Ben acted for a firm of solicitors bringing a fees claim and defending a negligence counterclaim. The solicitors succeeded on every point at trial. In particular: points on fees were out of time,

there was no deficiency in the advice which they had provided, and the solicitors reasonably relied on Counsel in any event.

- Claim against solicitors; Acted for the claimant former provisional liquidators against their solicitors in a c.£2m claim for inadequate advice and conducting themselves in an inappropriate manner.
- *Geraint Thomas v Ian Albutt* [2015] EWHC 2187 (CH); LTL 31/7/2015 ; Ben (led by Ben Elkington KC) successfully defended a substantial claim against a barrister for allegedly negligent advice and conduct in respect of a planning dispute.

Surveyors & Valuers

Ben has particular experience of acting and advising in disputes concerning surveys and/or valuations, including in respect of alleged overvaluations of several million pounds.

Sports Law

“Provides clear, concise advice.” – Legal 500

“An emotionally intelligent advocate who can adapt his style when necessary.” – Legal 500

Ben enjoys advising and advocating in respect of sports disputes. He acts for governing bodies, clubs and players/athletes. His experience includes the whole range of sports issues:

- Acting in commercial disputes in a sports context
- Advising on and drafting rules and codes, and governance issues
- Advising and acting for athletes and sports bodies in selection disputes
- Claims involving doping and other breaches of disciplinary rules

Ben accepts sports instructions on a Public Access basis, in appropriate cases.

Featured Sports cases

- Acting for solicitors accused of negligent advice regarding the corporate structure of an RFU club
- Acting for the members of a yachting club committee in respect of a dispute concerning the expulsion of a club member
- Acting for insurers in dispute with a Championship football club in respect of damage to the training pitch
- Professional Footballers Association (PFA) governance review
- Selection dispute; Successfully representing an athlete in a Commonwealth Games selection appeal
- Disciplinary issue; Assisting Richard Liddell in several cases involving the British Horseracing Authority
- Commercial dispute; Providing advice in relation to a claim against a Championship football club regarding player contracts
- Commercial dispute; Assisting in relation to a claim against an Indian Premier League cricket club regarding contractual payments
- Rules; Drafting arbitration rules for a sports body
- Doping charges; Assisting with the defence of a darts player in respect of doping charges relating to recreational drugs
- Commercial dispute; Acting for a football club in defending a claim based on an uncommercial agreement entered into by the club's previous owner
- Doping charges; Acting for a rugby player in respect of doping charges relating to a steroid
- Selection dispute; Advising a sports body in respect of a selection issue arising in preparation for the Tokyo Olympics
- Selection dispute; Successfully representing a governing body in resisting the appeal of a selection decision for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games
- Selection dispute; Acting for and advising a governing body regarding issues arising from an intimate relationship between a coach and an athlete, in connection with selection for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

Costs

“Ben is a good junior to work with. He is very responsive and gets into the paperwork – an upcoming star.” – Chambers & Partners

“Intelligent, good drafting and frank advice. Costs is a speciality.” – Legal 500

“Diligent and thorough in the work undertaken and was approachable in his manner.” – Legal 500

“Extremely effective on his feet and robust in shepherding the opponent’s submissions.” – Legal 500

“A good advocate, and a rising star.” – Legal 500

Ben’s practice includes consideration of a wide range of issues concerning costs. He is ranked as a “Leading junior” in the Legal 500 in respect of costs.

He has acted or advised in respect of assessments, applications and appeals concerning a range of topics including the following:

- Litigation funding in the High Court and the Competition Appeal Tribunal
- The impact of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (“LASPO”)
- The construction and enforceability of CFAs
- Security for costs, including as to the adequacy of proposed security in the form of insurance policies and/or a charge over property
- The recovery of costs under s.51 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 from non-parties and legal representatives (i.e. NPCOs and WCOs)
- The determination of costs against a publicly funded individual and the Legal Services Commission
- The award and assessment of costs in respect of interim applications and trials
- Solicitor-client disputes concerning costs

Featured Costs and Litigation Funding cases

- *Gormsen v Meta Platforms, Inc. and Others*: Ben acts for the class representative in respect of litigation funding and cost issues arising in this multi-billion pound claim in the Competition Appeal Tribunal.
- *Bott v Ryanair*: Ben (led by Nicholas Bacon KC) acted for the successful appellant in the Supreme Court, in a case concerning whether a solicitors’ lien can arise after a letter of claim is sent, and no further action is taken.
- *Davey v Money*: Ben acted for the receiving parties in a successful claim for a non-party costs order from the professional funder of the defeated claimant. The case disappplied the so-called “Arkin cap”, so that the funder was liable for all the receiving party’s costs, not merely an amount equal to the funding which it had provided. The Court of Appeal upheld the position in favour of Ben’s client and arguably revolutionised the quantification of non-party costs orders against commercial funders.
- *RBS Action Group Ltd v Signature Litigation LLP*: Ben was led by Nicholas Bacon KC in a complex dispute between a company and its former solicitors in respect of various issues arising from substantial litigation. The case concerned fundamental points relating to existence enforceability and terms of conditional fee arrangements.
- *Complex wasted and non party costs order claim*: Led by Ben Elkington KC and Nicholas Bacon KC, Ben acted for the defendant solicitors to a claim for a wasted costs order and/or a non-party costs order and/or damages arising from the allegedly misrepresenting the extent of ATE insurance cover in place for test claimants in large scale group litigation.
- *Wasughe v Sullivan*: A detailed assessment involving interesting issues regarding the recoverability of costs prior to a claim, and in particular whether the claimant receiving party had acted reasonably when it had been communicating with the wrong party and had not complied with the practice direction or pre-action protocol.
- *Eager v TC Cleaning*: Ben successfully represented the appellant in respect of an application to dismiss a Pt 8 costs claims on grounds of prematurity. The first instance decision, refusing to dismiss the claim, was overturned.
- *Solicitor-client assessment*: Ben represents solicitors and clients in respect of such assessments. On this occasion, he acted for the firm, and successfully argued that the invoices raised were “statute bills”, such that a substantial part of the claim was out of time.
- *Late acceptance of Pt 36 offer by defendant*: Ben has acted in several cases concerning the proper treatment of late acceptance of a Pt 36 offer by a defendant, following the confusion at County Court level arising from *Sutherland v Khan*. Ben acted on both sides of the argument, and successfully persuaded the court (on different occasions) that *Sutherland v*

Khan was rightly and wrongly decided.

Financial Services Regulation

Ben has a strong interest in financial services work.

Having undertaken a secondment at the Financial Services Authority (now the Financial Conduct Authority), Ben has detailed knowledge of relevant regulatory law and practice.

He has advised on a wide range of issues involving financial service regulation, including:

- Whether a firm was providing insurance for the purposes of the FCA
- The impact of redress schemes on firms' professional indemnity policies
- What constitutes carrying on insurance business in the UK

See further his experience above in respect of claims against financial services professionals.

Disciplinary

Ben enjoys disciplinary and regulatory work. His experience includes:

- Advising accountancy and auditor firms in respect of their regulatory obligations, in the light of potential action by the ICAEW and/or FRC.
- Advising solicitors in respect of their obligations under the SRA Handbook.
- Representing a barrister in proceedings brought by the BSB, which concerned allegations of inappropriate and/or dishonest communications.
- Acting for the respondent to regulatory proceedings brought by CIMA (the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) in respect of allegedly misleading and/or dishonest representations to an auditor.
- Advising firms in respect of their obligations under the FCA Handbook.
- Appearing before the Taxation Disciplinary Board, as Presenter for the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Association of Taxation Technicians, as well as advising on disciplinary matters involving barristers and solicitors.
- Acting for athletes and governing bodies in disciplinary matters in the field of sport (as to which see further the Sports section of Ben's profile).

International Arbitration

Ben accepts instructions in any domestic or international commercial disputes which are being determined by way of arbitration. His experience includes advising or assisting in respect of:

- Arbitrations under the LCIA and other rules
- The meaning and effect of the Arbitration Act 1996
- The drafting of arbitration rules

For relevant experience, please also Commercial Dispute Resolution above.

Chancery

Ben has acted in numerous chancery matters, involving the law of: real property, mortgages, trusts, companies and insolvency. He has particular experience of:

- Claims against insolvency practitioners and administrators
- Disputes relating to the duties of trustees

- Claims for possession and/or other relief by mortgagees and landlords

Awards



Qualifications

As an undergraduate, Ben read Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford, obtaining a First Class degree. He went on to receive his legal training at City University, achieving a Distinction in his GDL and being graded Very Competent in his BVC. A member of Middle Temple, Ben was awarded a Diplock Scholarship by that Inn.

Education – M.A. (Oxon), Dip. Law (City).

Languages – French (basic), Russian (very basic)

Memberships – COMBAR, PNBA, LCLCBA, ARDL