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Ben's practice is primarily civil based, though he deals with childcare and family matters as well as regulatory crime. Ben also takes a particular interest in POCA applications.

Within his civil practice Ben regularly advises and appears in cases involving personal injury, contractual disputes, land disputes (including rights of way and the like), trusts, and licensing (with particular emphasis on hackney carriage and private hire). Ben also deals with landlord and tenant matters (commercial and residential), probate, insolvency and commercial, consumer credit and banking. Ben is predominantly concerned before the County and High Court in fast and multi-track matters, though has experience of the Court of Appeal. Ben accepts instructions on behalf of both Claimants and Defendants (private and CFA). In particular within his personal injury practice his practical Opinions, as well as what has been described as "tenacious advocacy", have fuelled the speed with which his practice has developed to one beyond that ordinarily associated with a barrister of his call.

Ben's licensing practice concentrates on taxi and private hire areas and encompasses all aspects including judicial review of policy decisions affecting the trade.

Ben's rapidly growing family practice involves public and private childcare as well as ancillary relief. Ben regularly represents parents as well as Children through their Guardians, wider family members and interveners in childcare disputes. Ben has a personal, yet firm approach. Ben accepts instructions to appear in the Family Proceedings, County and High Courts. His expanding ancillary relief practice has

Ben is a Grade II Crown Prosecutor but appears largely on behalf of a range of prosecuting local authorities. Ben still accepts instructions to defend in a variety of criminal matters and he has undertaken a number of jury trials being commended on his manner and preparation, in particular when it comes to challenging expert evidence.

Prior to coming to Chambers Ben studied Law at University of Wales, Aberystwyth and was awarded three Calcott-Pryce prizes for outstanding achievement as well as the Jayne Morgan prize for achieving excellence in a socio-legal field. He went on to study the Bar Vocational Course at Cardiff before undertaking a period of teaching Public Law at undergraduate level at the Law School. Ben then worked at the Immigration and Nationality Directorate of the Home Office, presenting Immigration and Asylum appeals before the Immigration and Asylum Tribunal, as it then was, before coming to Chambers and undergoing a pupillage which concentrated on Civil and Family work.

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