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Ben's practice

Ben is a Personal Injury and Chancery focused civil practitioner with experience in many aspects of civil litigation at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal. He is also an accredited CEDR trained Mediator in civil disputes. Notable cases include the leading and seminal case on Relief from Sanctions, Denton, Decadent and Utilise [2014] EWCA Civ 904.

Within his Personal Injury practice Ben acts for both Claimants and Defendants, regularly being instructed by Local Authorities. He has significant experience in Occupiers, Highways, Road Traffic, Animals, Product Liability, Housing Disrepair, Assault and Employer's Liability claims, including industrial disease and deafness matters. Ben provides practical Opinions and advice with a sensitive and astute tactical commercial eye. Ben handles fast and multi-track cases including complex traumatic brain injury and fatal accident litigation. Ben is prepared to accept suitable cases subject to conditional fee arrangements.

Ben's Chancery practice includes Wills and Probate litigation, Land related disputes, Trusts (including an emphasis on TOLATA), and contractual and Sale of Goods matters. Ben deals with commercial and company matters, including Insolvency. Ben also has significant experience in licensing, with a particular niche in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire related matters where he has appeared at all levels, from Committee decisions to the Court of Appeal.

His manner with clients as well as what has been described as his "tenacious advocacy", have fuelled the speed with which Ben's civil practice has developed to one beyond that ordinarily associated with a barrister of his call.

Ben is experienced in conducting mediations both as lead mediator and on behalf of parties. Praised for his fresh approach and tactical awareness he endeavours to explore all potentially successful avenues to settlement.

Training provision

Ben has experience in teaching at university level and also regularly delivers seminars both as part of Chambers' lecture series and also tailored lectures to solicitors firms and organisations. Ben's practical application and approach is generally well received.

Other areas

A Grade II Crown prosecutor, the focus of Ben's involvement in criminal matters is on Regulatory crime, and fraud. Ben appears on behalf of a range of prosecuting authorities as well as Defendants and is an experienced jury advocate. His manner and level of preparation has been commended, especially when it comes to challenging expert evidence. Ben is a member of the Proceeds of Crime Lawyers Association and has experience in handling complicated POCA cases, including a matter involving a benefit figure of £1.6million both in the Crown Court and the Family Division of the High Court in related ancillary relief proceedings on behalf of the intervening prosecuting authority.