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Qualifications and Appointments

- Law Scholar at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Graduated in 2007 with a first class degree, finishing fifth in the year.
- William McNair Prize in 2006 and 2007 for the top first at Gonville and Caius College in both years.
- Denning Scholarship and Hardwicke Entrance award from Lincoln's Inn.
- Buchanan Prize for obtaining an "outstanding" grade in the BVC.

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Chambers & Partners, 2015

Practice Overview

Ben has a broad-based commercial Chancery practice, with a particular emphasis on property and pensions work, and related professional negligence, although he also has wide experience in all of Chambers' other core areas, including insolvency, company, contractual disputes, trusts, wills and probate and other private client matters, civil fraud and general commercial disputes.

He enjoys acting on his own account, or as a junior as part of a large team.

Ben joined Chambers in 2009 following the completion of his pupillage.

Having acted in the high-profile IBM pensions litigation, the recent legal directories describe Ben as a recognised junior building a solid reputation in the area, who is as likely to appear in cases as sole counsel as he is to appear led by a silk. *"He is a very bright guy who is very hard-working and very easy to deal with."* *"He is exceedingly user-friendly and charming to work with."* Chambers & Partners, 2016

The Legal 500, 2015 describe him as *"an excellent, hardworking and personable pensions junior."*

Ben is recommended in Chambers & Partners 2015 in the pension field, which states that he is *"A strong and confident advocate who is well regarded by peers and clients"* and describes him as *"Bright, commercial, easy to work with and responsive"*.

He was also recommended in the 2014 and 2013 editions, where it was said that he is *"recognised for his diligence and client-focused approach"* and had *"impressed solicitors with his 'tremendous work ethic and mastery of the facts'."*

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Association of Pension Lawyers (Associate member)
- Property Bar Association
- Bar Pro Bono panel

Publications

- *'Ramsay v Love'* (2015) Wilberforce Property Update (Issue 1) May 2015
- Editor of *'Hill and Redman's Law of Landlord and Tenant'* (2014) (sections on Commonhold tenure, and unfair terms in tenancy agreements)
- *'Butterworths Property Law Handbook'* (2013) 10th Edition
- *'Quantification of release fees: principle and practice'* (2012) *Development Disputes: current issues for property litigators*
- *'A room with a view'* (2010) *New Law Journal* vol 160, No 7405
- Contributor to the Pension Scheme Actuaries chapter in *Professional Negligence and Liability* looseleaf



Professional Liability

Ben regularly accepts instructions in professional negligence matters, particularly those in the property and pensions fields. He acts both on his own account, or as a junior in more substantial matters.

Notable recent instructions include:

- Acting unled for trustee services providers in a legally complex claim against them for their failure to detect that their client's emails had been hacked.
- Acting unled in a claim brought against conveyancing solicitors brought by purchasers of property who had been tricked by identity fraudsters.
- Acting for an IFA in a claim brought against him by an ex-professional footballer, for allegedly failing to preserve his favourable retirement age.
- Acting for solicitors in defending a claim brought against them for their alleged failure to equalise a pension scheme effectively.
- *Herrmann v Withers* [2012] EWHC 1492 (Ch). A successful claim brought against residential property conveyancers, which raised difficult issues of mitigation of loss (led by [Jonathan Seitler QC](#)).
- Ben is also a contributor to the Pension Scheme Actuaries chapter in Professional Negligence and Liability looseleaf.