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Ben is a busy common law practitioner with an unusually broad and varied practice.

Having trained at a leading commercial set of chambers, he subsequently gained experience in all of Chambers' practice areas and now maintains an expertise in a number of distinct but complementary practice areas.

Equally comfortable on his feet in court, drafting, or advising on paper or in conference, Ben frequently represents clients in numerous courts and tribunals, from the Court of Appeal and all three divisions of the High Court to various specialist tribunals.

A member of the Attorney General's Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown, Ben often acts for central government departments and agencies. His appointment, following a highly competitive process, was a recognition of his expertise in providing advice and representation in often complex, demanding and sensitive cases.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ben taught history at one of the country's leading schools. When not working, Ben can generally be found on a bike, up a climbing wall, or in a boat on the River Thames at Hammersmith, where he is a committee member of Furnivall Sculling Club.

Areas of Expertise

Civil

In addition to acting for both claimants and defendants (often government departments, especially prisons) in Chambers' main practice area of personal injury, Ben has a broader civil practice spanning a range of contractual, tortious and property disputes.

Ben's personal injury practice primarily involves claims allocated to the multi-track on account of their value. He is equally at home acting in substantial commercial disputes between businesses, smaller disputes between consumers and businesses or tradespeople, and in property disputes often between neighbours.

Family and Court of Protection

In the Family Court, Ben practices primarily in public law children (child protection) work and is increasingly applying the skills acquired in this sensitive and demanding areas to welfare cases in the Court of Protection. He regularly appears for local authorities, parents and guardians in lengthy, serious cases. His cases are often complex, involving expert medical

evidence, communications data or international aspects. Ben is used to dealing with both vulnerable clients and vulnerable witnesses and being instructed through an interpreter or the Official Solicitor.

Ben frequently represents the Secretary of State for the Home Department as an intervenor in cases in the Family Division involving immigration issues. He is also used to navigating the relationship between the family courts and the criminal justice system.

Public Law and Inquests

Much of Ben's work – both his civil work for the Government and his child protection practice – have public law aspects; he is increasingly instructed in more overtly public law matters – often relating to prisons and immigration detention. He regularly appears in inquests and has experience of appearing in the Administrative Court.

Ben is particularly experienced in prison law; public and private law challenges to immigration detention; judicial review of age assessments by Local Authorities; and inquests relating to deaths and in custody.

Education

- BA(Hons) Ancient & Modern History, University of Oxford: First Class
- MPhil Roman History, University of Oxford: Distinction
- Graduate Diploma in Law: Commendation
- Bar Vocational Course: Very Competent

Memberships

- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit
- The Inner Temple

Appointments

- Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown (2017-2022)
- Council of the Inns of Court Pool of Clerks to Disciplinary Panels (The Bar Tribunals and Adjudication Service) (2017-2022)