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Ben has a broad practice covering all areas of Chambers' work, with an emphasis on commercial disputes and group actions. His recent instructions include acting for Volkswagen in the NOx Emissions Group Litigation and representing company directors (both as sole and junior counsel) in claims alleging deceit and misrepresentation.

Ben was awarded a distinction on the GDL at City Law School (ranked 3rd in his year) and outstanding on the BPTC. He has received multiple prizes and scholarships from Gray's Inn, including most recently the James Hunt Prize for best advocacy performance in the pupil advocacy programme.

Prior to pupillage Ben worked as a paralegal at a leading boutique litigation firm where he gained considerable experience in a broad range of commercial disputes in the High Court and Court of Appeal. During pupillage he also undertook a period of external training at a commercial law firm based in a British Overseas Territory where he assisted with general litigation and advisory work.

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Commercial

Ben has a broad experience of commercial litigation, including matters relating to contractual disputes, deceit, misrepresentation, unjust enrichment, jurisdiction challenges and disputes concerning guarantees. His current instructions include acting for companies operating in the energy sector in a claim for misrepresentation and breach of contract. In 2021, Ben successfully acted as sole counsel for a company director in a three-day trial in a claim alleging deceit.

Group Actions & Product Liability

Ben has experience of multiple high-profile group actions in relation to consumer rights and defective products. He is currently acting for the manufacturer Defendants in the NOx Emissions Group Litigation (see, for example, the recent judgment concerning issues of fraudulent misrepresentation and satisfactory quality [2021] EWHC 3444 (QB)).

Consumer

Ben is instructed in a wide range of consumer disputes, including various claims under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, Consumer Credit Act 1974 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008. He regularly advises and appears on behalf of banks in relation to claims brought under sections 140A and 140B of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Employment

Ben has gained experience of claims across the spectrum of employment law from his time as a pupil, paralegal, secondee and FRU representative. Examples include claims in relation to unfair dismissal and redundancy, unfair disciplinary procedures, sex discrimination, harassment, whistleblowing and unlawful deduction of wages.

Health & Safety

Ben has assisted members of Chambers in a range of health and safety matters, including in relation to the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

Personal Injury

Ben welcomes instructions in personal injury cases. He has worked on a variety of personal injury matters as a pupil and paralegal, from road traffic accidents to torture claims and claims under the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1934 and the Fatal Accidents Act 1976.

Property

Ben welcomes instructions in relation to property disputes including injunction applications, possession claims,

and other procedural matters.

Appointments

Government Legal Department, Junior Junior Scheme (21/04/2020 to 08/08/2024)

Memberships

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Education

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BPTC, City Law School (Outstanding)
GDL, City Law School (Distinction, 3rd in year)
BA (Hons) English, University of Cambridge

Awards

James Hunt Prize for Advocacy (2020)
Norman Tapp Memorial Prize for Advocacy (2017)
Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2016)
David Karmel Award, Gray's Inn (2015)