



Ben Haseldine
Barrister
Called 2014

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Civil Litigation
- Chancery
- Probate
- Construction
- Property and Housing
- Family
- Immigration
- Personal Injury
- Regulatory

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- BPTC, University of Law
- BA Jurisprudence, University of Oxford
- ICLR Pupillage Award, Incorporated Council of Law Reporting
- Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award, Inner Temple
- Major Exhibition, Inner Temple

PROFILE

Ben studied Law at the University of Oxford and was called to the Bar by Inner Temple in 2014. Prior to joining Chambers, Ben worked as a researcher at a leading construction law chambers, and was a full-time tutor teaching property law, trusts law and environmental law to university students.

Ben welcomes instructions in many of Chambers' practice areas including general civil, personal injury, chancery and probate, family, property and housing, construction, immigration, and regulatory law.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Civil Litigation

Ben has developed an extensive practice in civil matters, regularly appearing in the County Court and High Court in cases involving contractual disputes, personal injury, negligence, and recovery of monies. He acts for both Claimants and Defendants in cases concerning both liability and quantum disputes, including various FTSE 250 companies and local authorities. He also undertakes drafting and advisory work.

Recent examples of Ben's work include:

- Advising in respect of unpaid consultancy fees in the context of a building development worth over £4,000,000.
- Appearing on behalf of the successful claimant seeking to recover extensive commercial debts.
- Drafting pleadings in respect of the seizure of goods from a well-known leisure shop, involving complex issues relating to bailment and restitution.
- Appearing on behalf of a statutory body on numerous occasions seeking to recover damages for damage caused to their property.

Property

Ben's practice covers all aspects of property law, and he welcomes instructions both in respect of drafting and Court work. Prior to joining 4KBW, Ben taught property law to undergraduates and post-graduates.

Recent examples of Ben's work include:

- Successfully opposing an order for sale of a property, making submissions in respect of set off and the Court's discretionary powers under section 36 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970.
- Advising as to whether an interim charging order should be sought against the trustee of a charity in their personal capacity.
- Drafting pleadings in respect of a long-standing boundary dispute.

Chancery and Probate

Ben is regularly instructed in cases involving trusts, interests in land, and TLATA claims, as well as claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975. He has both drafted and made applications in Court for declaratory relief, including claims with international elements.

Recent examples of Ben's work include:

- Junior counsel in the High Court Chancery Division in a case centring on the interpretation of an oral agreement, and which involved arguments on estoppel and constructive trusts.
- Advising as to the potential liability of a beneficiary to pay occupation rent following the death of a testator.

Family Law

Ben has a busy family law practice and regularly accepts instructions in both financial remedies and private law children proceedings. In relation to family finance matters, Ben regularly attends first appointments, FDRs and final hearings, as well as case management and directions hearings. In relation cases involving children, Ben represents parents and other family members at all stages of private children law disputes including fact-finding hearings. Ben has acted for parties both seeking and resisting Non-Molestation Orders. He also has extensive experience of advising and drafting pleadings across all areas of family law. Ben's experience includes dealing with vulnerable individuals and appropriately addressing allegations of domestic abuse and substance abuse.

Examples of Ben's recent work includes:

- Attending an FDR involving a dispute as to whether extensive international property holdings should be considered matrimonial assets.

- Successfully opposing an application to prevent a father from moving to a different part of the country with his children.
- Appearing in respect of an SGO application by an aunt in circumstances where other family members had applied for CAOs and where there were various issues relating to capacity.

Landlord and Tenant and Housing

Ben accepts instructions from private landlords, tenants, financial service providers and local authorities in claims for possession, forfeiture, or involving rent / service charge arrears, as well as other housing matters. He has appeared in the High Court in respect of an application to set aside an order staying the effect of a possession order, as well as in numerous County Court hearings.

Construction

Ben has been led in a number of high-profile construction arbitrations. Notably, Ben was led in an arbitration at the International Dispute Resolution Centre relating to the delay in completion of the fourth largest coal-fired power station in the world. Ben was also led in an arbitration relating to the delay in completion of the Nottingham tramline. Ben has experience of drafting pleadings in domestic construction disputes. Ben was one of the team of authors of 'Keating on Construction Contracts', the leading practitioners' book on construction law.

Immigration

Ben is often instructed in immigration matters before the First-Tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal. He has wide-ranging experience in appeal hearings and bail applications. Ben welcomes drafting and advisory work.

Regulatory Law

Ben sits as a Clerk to the Panel in school admission appeals.

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association