

BEN HARDING

Year of call: 2005

Clerked by: Harry Young Brandon Singh

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Arbitration Banking & Finance Commercial Litigation
Company Insolvency International & Offshore Partnership
Professional Negligence Sport Technology and Construction



Arbitration

Profile

Ben joined chambers in April 2008 after pupillage at 8 King Street Chambers, Manchester.

Ben practises in all aspects of commercial dispute resolution. Most of his work is in the Business and Property Courts and he regularly appears across the Northern, North-Eastern and Midlands Circuits and in London.

Within his broad commercial practice Ben has developed specialisms (detailed further below) in insurance, insolvency, professional negligence and construction. He also has a growing sports law practice, having acted for a number of football clubs.

Ben approaches every instruction with intellectual rigour, attention to detail, commercial pragmatism and speed. His attitude is that cases are won on the facts and lost on the law, so that it is essential to identify and analyse the key issues early to achieve the best result for his client. He is also aware of the ever-pressing need to give a firm, clear view on prospects, for the benefit of client and insurer/funder.

Ben acts predominantly as sole Counsel and has been led by chambers' silks on a number of occasions. His clients span the range from large corporations and institutions to private individuals; and the subject matter ranges from multi-million pound claims and injunctions to his

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Memberships

Northern Commercial Bar Association (committee member since 2015)

Chancery Bar Association

Publications

Articles

- Calling time: the law of limitation directions – Counsel Magazine June 2017; <https://www.counselmagazine.co.uk/articles/calling-time>

Seminars

- Online payment fraud: a case study – in-house seminar Nov 2017 for Addleshaw Goddard LLP

- Misrepresentation: statements of opinion and reliance – NCCBA seminar June 2016

- Company Restoration: the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Act 2010 and limitation – in-house seminar Feb 2016 for DWF LLP

- “Professional negligence – Jackson and the litigator” – Kings Chambers conference series 2014

- Third party costs orders, including orders against legal representatives – in-house seminar September 2013 for Berrymans Lace Mawer LLP

Qualifications and awards

BA (Hons) Literae Humaniores – first class (Balliol College Oxford)

GDL (City University, London)

BVC (BPP Law School, London)

Major Scholar (Inner Temple)

Recommendations

"He is excellent - very good with clients, very thorough and always takes time to prepare for conferences." "He is hard-working and his written work is a delight. His advice is succinct and easy for clients to understand." - **Chambers UK 2020**

'A brilliant barrister.' - **Legal 500 2018**

"He is an exceptional intellect and a skilled advocate." - **Chambers UK 2015**

"He is as bright as a button; he has a great delivery and a good courtroom presence." - **Chambers UK 2014**



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