

## 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



## Technology and Construction

### Construction

- Wide range of construction work from multi-million pound JCT contracts to Construction Contracts Scheme to informal domestic projects
- Familiar with adjudication, subsequent enforcement, County Court and TCC litigation

### Significant recent cases

*Megson Utilities v. Complete Utility Solutions* (2017) – construction dispute regarding installation of gas and water pipework at Royal Veterinary School, £90k payment claim met by £150k damages set-off

*Pacy v. Norstar* (2017) – County Court at Doncaster - dispute regarding installation of ventilation ducting in residential warehouse conversion

*Wastecare v. Recolight* (2017) – Leeds Business and Property Courts - £300k dispute regarding misappropriation of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling notes

*Togel Contractors Ltd v. Cardy Construction Ltd* (2016) – adjudication claim for £120k for joinery work at Heathrow Airport; award made and claim settled before enforcement proceedings

*Integra Compliance Ltd v. SWS Compak Ltd & Ors* (2016) – RCJ Queen’s Bench Division – claim for springboard relief, freezing injunctions, damages alleging fraud and diversion of Packaging Recovery Note business

*Triangle Infotech v. Ambidect* (2016) – Manchester County Court (Chancery list) – springboard dispute involving allegations that defendant software company took confidential information and proprietary software / tool kits

*R J Lewis v. O’Conner* (2013) – Manchester TCC – claim for payment for variations and additional works at unique property development. Led by Lesley Anderson QC; settled after 14 days of evidence

### 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 client's home.

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Partnership

Professional Negligence

Sport

Technology and Construction

## Memberships

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Northern Commercial Bar Association (committee member since 2015)

Chancery Bar Association

Northern Chancery Bar Association

British Irish Commercial Bar Association

## Publications

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### 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 Berryman's Luce Mawer LLP

## Qualifications and awards

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

GDL (City University, London)

BVC (BPP Law School, London)

Major Scholar (Inner Temple)

## Recommendations

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"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**

