

Barrister: Ben Zurawel

Overview:

Ben was called to the Bar in 2010 and came to 9 Gough Square in October 2011 having completed pupillage at a leading [commercial](#) set. He now has a broad common-law practice, accepting instructions in all of Chambers' areas of work.

Ben therefore has an unusually wide range of experience: he appears in court almost every day, in the High Court, the Crown Court, County Courts and Magistrates' Courts, as well as the Employment Tribunal and various other tribunals. Ben also maintains an extensive paper-based practice, frequently drafting pleadings and advising professional and lay clients in writing, by telephone and in conference.

Ben's clients include individuals, companies, local authorities and government departments. He undertakes work on both a privately and publicly funded basis, and on CFAs in appropriate cases.

Ben is a former winner of The Times Law Awards; his article on the Northern Rock crisis was published in the Times in 2008. His first book, about the study of ancient Rome in eighteenth-century England, will be published shortly.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ben taught history at a leading independent school. In his spare time, he can usually be found on the river in Hammersmith where he coxes, coaches and is a committee member and safety advisor at a rowing club.

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Civil

Civil:

In addition to regularly appearing, advising and drafting pleadings in [personal injury](#) cases, Ben's civil practice encompasses [commercial](#) and construction disputes, landlord and tenant claims and [employment](#) matters.

Ben has appeared in the Queen's Bench and Chancery Divisions of the High Court, the Bankruptcy Court and the Technology and Construction Court, as well as County Courts up and down the country.

As well as individuals, Ben's clients include London's largest minicab company, builders and developers and their clients, insurers and a German bank. He has a particular experience of loss of profit claims and contractual disputes involving building projects, but he has been involved in all manner of other claims, from debt enforcement and possession claims, through opposing a bankruptcy petition on behalf of a foreign creditor and enforcing a foreign judgment, to a multi-million pound interest rate swap mis-selling case against a major high street bank.



Call: 2010

Education:

BVC (Commendation), BPP Law School; Graduate Diploma in Law (Merit), BPP Law School; MPhil Roman History (Distinction), University of Oxford; BA Hons (First Class), University of Oxford

Practice areas

- Clinical Negligence
- Commercial and Property
- Costs
- Court of Protection
- Family
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence

Recent News

- Ben Zurawel succeeds in Court of Appeal
- Ben Zurawel appointed to Attorney General's C Panel
- Ben Zurawel secures 6 figure settlement for victim of fraudulent bank details email scam
- R (Barrett) and others v First-tier Tribunal and CICA may change the approach to CICA Appeals

Ben acts for both claimants and defendants in [personal injury](#) and RTA litigation. Ben also regularly appears in Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority appeals. In appropriate cases, Ben will accept instructions on a CFA basis.

Ben has also appeared in a 'whistle-blowing' case in an Employment Tribunal and is keen to build upon his [employment](#) practice.

Family

Family:

Ben acts for both local authorities and for parents in both care proceedings and private law proceedings under the Children Act 1989. He appears regularly in the Family Court and has also appeared in the Family Division of the High Court. He also has experience of financial remedy proceedings.

In care proceedings, Ben is familiar with EPOs and ICOs, fact-finding hearings and lengthy final hearings. He has acted in cases involving NAIs and sexual abuse as well as cases with international and other jurisdictional complications. Ben is also used to arguments about designation and Special Guardianship Orders.

In private law proceedings, Ben has an extensive experience of acting for mothers, fathers and other family members in relation to child arrangements of all kinds.

Ben also has experience of obtaining occupation and non-molestation orders, often on an urgent, ex-parte basis.

In his appellate practice, Ben recently successfully appealed a case management decision before a Circuit Judge. Although the mother had had 5 other children removed in proceedings ending less than 12 months earlier, Ben was able to persuade the appeal court that the District Judge had erred in refusing his client a further parenting assessment in relation to her new-born child.

As Ben does not practice exclusively in family law, he is particularly interested in cases overlapping with other areas of his practice: he has been instructed in relation to a Criminal Injuries Compensation appeal on behalf of a looked-after child and to advise a Local Authority's insurer in relation to its potential liability to the victims of historical sexual abuse, perpetrated by a family member whilst they were known to social services.

Ben is particularly keen to develop his Court of Protection practice and to apply his skills acquired in care and PI proceedings to this growing area of Chambers' work.

For more information please call our clerks on **020 7832 0500**

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