Ben Mitchell



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Ben specialises in public, commercial, EU, education, employment and information law.

He is ranked in the directories as a leading junior in Administrative and Public Law, Education Law, Data Protection and Employment Law. Peers and clients describe him as a “phenomenal counsel”, “serene under pressure” and “excellent with clients”.

Ben brings strong experience in strategic and high-profile litigation, particularly judicial reviews involving environmental, equality, commercial and education issues.

Ben is a member of both the Equality & Human Rights Commission and Attorney General’s Panels of Counsel, and with membership in the Law Library of Ireland, he has rights of audience in European Union Courts.

> ***Ben is a skilful barrister who is responsive and excellent with clients. He is a very impressive advocate and remains calm under pressure.***
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Expertise

Procurement & State Aid

Ben has considerable experience of the application of the procurement and state aid rules.

Ben is frequently instructed in a number of procurement matters by economic operators and contracting authorities, as part of a large counsel team and individually, including:

- Acting for a defendant in a large procurement challenge under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, led by Jason Coppel KC and Joseph Barrett.
- Drafting particulars of claim, advising and assisting with pre-action correspondence for various claimants and defendants.

Draeger SafetyUK Ltd v London Fire Commissioner

[2021] EWHC 2221 (TCC); 197 CON L.R. 151

Led by Jason Coppel KC, representing the successful claimant resisting an application to lift an automatic suspension on contract-making.

Achievements

Awards

Lord Mansfield Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

Lord Bowen Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

Hardwicke Entrance Exhibition (Lincoln's Inn)

Ussher PhD Fellowship (Trinity College Dublin)

Foley-Bejar Scholarship (Balliol College, Oxford)

Julian Prize for Second Place overall in LLB class (Trinity College Dublin)

Scholar of Trinity College Dublin

Entrance Exhibition (Trinity College Dublin)

Education

PhD in Law, Trinity College Dublin – focused on public interest education law

BCL, University of Oxford, Balliol College – Distinction

LLB, Trinity College Dublin – First Class