

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.

LEGAL 500

Expertise

Education

Ben has a wide education law practice and regularly accepts instructions from universities, schools, parents, students and local authorities. He is ranked as a leading junior in education law in Chambers & Partners and Legal500.

Ben regularly acts in judicial reviews concerning education matters, including local authority obligations to secure special educational provision under s.42 of the Children and Families Act 2014, academic and disciplinary decisions of universities, and policy decisions of government and local authorities. He has also acted for a large number of universities in cases brought by students alleging discrimination and breach of academic regulations.

Ben also has significant experience of appearing in special educational needs (SEN) and additional learning needs (ALN) cases before the First-tier and Upper Tribunal and exclusion cases before Independent Review Panels. Ben volunteers as a barrister mentor with the School Exclusion Project.

Ben has a strong advisory practice, having advised a number of universities, schools, local authorities and individuals on education law issues, including:

- Support and accommodation for transgender students in school
- Various academy issues, including on the provision of funding and land management
- Policies and procedures on permanent exclusion from school and on the legality of "managed moves"
- The legality of school closures
- Complaints to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education (OIA)
- SEN and decisions by local authorities to amend or cease to maintain Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)



Ben is very responsive and has excellent technical knowledge.

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS

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