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

European Union Law

Ben is a member of the Law Library of Ireland and has rights of audience before the Courts of the European Union. He frequently advises on EU law issues, both as they apply within the UK as assimilated law post-Brexit and within the EU. He regularly acts for parties before the Courts of the EU.

Recent and current cases include:

Digital Markets Act (DMA)

Acting for Apple in a set of annulment applications to decisions of the Commission under the Digital Markets Act (DMA), led by Daniel Beard KC.

Wood and Others v Commission

T-575/22, EU:T:2026:197

Acting unled for the Applicant environmental organisations in a challenge to the 'EU Taxonomy for sustainable practices' on grounds that they fail to protect the environment by not complying with the minimum thresholds of environmental protection set out in Regulation (EU) 2020/852. An appeal to the Court of Justice is pending.

ClientEarth v Commission

T-738/25 AND T-180/26

Acting for ClientEarth in a challenge to the Commission's refusal to disclose information about the Barroso Lithium Mine in Portugal.

Sabo and Others v Parliament and Council (EU Biomass Case)

T-141/19

Acting for the Applicants (individuals and environmental NGOs from across the EU and the USA) in a challenge to the EU's support for the forest biomass industry in the Renewable Energy Directive (Recast) (REDII) on the basis of the human rights and environmental protection principles in the EU Treaties.

Digital Services Act (DSA)

Advising a digital content platform on its obligations under the Digital Services Act (DSA).

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