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"A most impressive lawyer with a penetrating and subtle mind" The Legal 500, 2022

Benjamin Tankel practises in public law, regulatory law, professional discipline, financial services, and procurement.

Ben always strives to understand the needs and wishes of his clients, to give pragmatic and practical advice, and to achieve the best possible outcome in the most cost-effective way. He enjoys working collaboratively as part of a team.

He represents central government, local authorities, NHS bodies, regulators, education bodies, and claimants. He has been involved in some of the most significant public law cases of recent times, including the Charlie Gard case and challenges to the prohibition against assisted dying.

He regularly appears in all levels of court and tribunal, including six appearances in the Supreme Court.

Ben graduated with a double first in History from Sidney Sussex College at Cambridge University, where he came top of his year in a number of papers and won several prizes and scholarships.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public

Disciplinary

Regulatory

Banking and Financial Services

Procurement

Healthcare

Court of Protection - Welfare

Community Care and Mental Health

Medical Treatment Cases

Education

Healthcare

Much of Ben's work – be it in public law, disciplinary, regulatory, procurement, or the Court of Protection – arises in the healthcare context. Ben has very extensive experience working with all kinds of local and national NHS bodies and has an excellent understanding of the culture of the NHS and of the types of issues which arise.

Cases of Note

- Please refer to the Public and Administrative section of Ben's CV for examples of healthcare work including hospital reorganisations, infected blood, determination of the level of funded nursing care fees, access to drug treatments, and the junior doctors' contract.
- Please refer to the Medical Treatment section of Ben's CV for examples of serious medical treatment cases including the Charlie Gard case.
- Please refer to the Disciplinary section of Ben's CV for examples of Ben's work on behalf of healthcare regulators including the GMC, GDC, and PSA.
- Please refer to the Regulatory section of Ben's CV for examples of Ben's work in respect of healthcare regulatory and registration issues.
- Please refer to the Court of Protection – Welfare section of Ben's CV for examples of Ben's work on behalf of Integrated Care Systems ("ICS"), Health Boards (in Wales), and NHS Trusts, in the Court of Protection in welfare cases.

Recommendations

- *"A most impressive lawyer with a penetrating and subtle mind"* (*The Legal 500, Administrative Law and Human Rights, 2023*)
- *"balances clear legal advice with thoughtfulness about the impact of a case"* (*The Legal 500, Professional Disciplinary and Regulatory Law, 2023*)
- *"demonstrates a strong level of commercial vision"* (*Chambers, Administrative & Public Law 2023*)

Qualifications

Education

- 2007: BA (History), Double First, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge.
- 2008: Graduate Diploma in Law, City University.
- 2009: Bar Vocational Course, BPP.

Prizes & Scholarships

- 2008: Astbury Scholarship (Middle Temple).
- 2007: Diplock Scholarship (Middle Temple).
- 2007: Peachey History Prize for highest first in College.
- 2006: Peachey History Prize for highest first in College.
- 2006: Parry Dutton Scholarship for North American History.

Memberships

- Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association (ALBA)

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