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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

Regulatory

Ben advises a wide range of bodies on compliance and regulatory issues, in both non-contentious and contentious matters.

His clients include law firms, ombudsmen, independent financial advisers, healthcare bodies, local authorities, care homes, and educational institutions.

In the last twelve months, he has acted for a diverse range of regulators including the SRA, GMC, the Financial Ombudsman Service, the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, the Office of Rail and Road, and the Financial Services Complaints Commissioner.

In addition to the cases noted below, please also refer to the Disciplinary part of Ben's CV.

Cases of note

- ***Heathrow Express Operating Company Limited v Heathrow Airport Limited [2022]*** - Advising the Office of Rail and Road in its adjudication of a dispute between Heathrow Express, TfL, CrossRail, and Heathrow Airport, as to the timetabling of connecting services between Heathrow Airport and Central London.
- ***London Capital & Finance complainants v Financial Conduct Authority [2022]*** - Advising the Financial Services Complaints Commissioner in a group complaint by victims of the London Capital & Finance scandal about the absence of compensation by the Financial Conduct Authority.
- ***Rishi v NHS England [2021]*** - Representing NHS England in regulatory proceedings in the First-Tier Tribunal concerning a pharmacist alleged to have been dishonest in their registration application.
- ***R(Ideal Care Homes) v Care Quality Commission [2018] EWHC 886 (Admin)*** - Representing a care home company in its application for an injunction to prevent the publication of an adverse CQC inspection report.
- ***R(Morris) v Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman [2014] EWHC 4364 (Admin)*** - Representing the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman in judicial review proceedings concerning the way it had investigated a complaint about Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

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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