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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

Procurement

Ben regularly acts in procurement claims for both claimants and defendants, with particular experience in the healthcare sector.

Ben represents the defendant health authority in *Braceurself v NHS England* [2022] EWHC 1532 (TCC), a seminal case on the meaning of “sufficiently serious” in Francovich damages.

In the last twelve months, he has also acted in procurement claims for:

- NHS England concerning a national pharmaceuticals contract
- Government Property Agency concerning the crossover of employment and procurement law in its nationwide facility management services contract
- Werfen, an international manufacturer of blood tests, against a consortium of NHS trusts.

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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