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Ben Amunwa

Call: 2013

Barrister

Direct Public Access qualified

Testimonials

I commend the application that has been made on behalf of the Claimant for its clarity and realism.

HHJ Nicola Davies QC of the High Court

He was extremely well organised and informed, very supportive and did an exceptional job.

Senior Solicitor London Local Authority

Ben's clear advice was invaluable in helping me resolve an employment matter. His paramount concern was to obtain a satisfactory outcome for me whilst ensuring that I incurred as little expense as possible... As a result of his expert advice, I actually avoided going to court altogether, for which I am extremely grateful.

Kate, civil/employment client

Ben's work on my case and the subsequent letters written provided me with a very speedy response and one in which all my terms were agreed.

Mark, art law client

In their final decision the panel found me 'Not Guilty' of unacceptable professional conduct ... This outcome would not have been possible if it wasn't for Ben Amunwa's professionalism, thoroughness, style of questioning and attention to detail. I cannot thank him enough for all his efforts.

Ryan, regulatory client

Mr Amunwa submitted that the decision maker was well aware of the educational position as well as the accommodation position, was well placed to assess the interaction of the two, and did so in a manner that was rational and beyond criticism... I have no hesitation in accepting those submissions

Areas of Experience

- Commercial Litigation
- Employment Law
- Property
- Business Law
- Civil Mediation
- Art Law
- Professional Misconduct & Disciplinary

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I instructed Ben on a very complex and high value property fraud claim heard before the Royal Courts of Justice. I can truly say that Ben's performance as a Barrister was exceptional. His attention to detail, and forensic preparation of the case was clearly demonstrated at the Trial. Ben's confident approach, despite the complexity of the case, assured myself and our lay client that he was a true professional, and exceptional talent. Despite being a busy Barrister, Ben always made arrangements to be accessible for conferences or discussions regarding the case. His attitude of working with his instructing Solicitor is very much a team orientated approach. This professional approach to the case was truly of great value and significantly attributed to the success of the case. I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Ben, and I look forward to working with Ben on many more matters.

Salmaan Islam, Solicitor at North Ford Solicitors (April 2017)

Practice Profile

Ben is an expert business barrister with a strong command of contract, employment and civil law. Resolving complex and technical disputes is at the core of Ben's expansive practice.

He acts for SMEs, local authorities, professionals, unions and high-net worth individuals. He provides the highest quality service to all his clients in a prompt and practical manner. He has assisted in negotiation, mediation and litigation up to the Court of Appeal level.

Solicitors praise his performance as "exceptional", singling out his "attention to detail, and forensic preparation of the case," while maintaining a "confident... professional, team-oriented approach". Others say that Ben "could not have been more helpful", describing him as "very thorough - grasped every nuance and detail... extremely quickly".

Before coming to the Bar, Ben spent a decade in research and campaigning. He has first-hand experience of recruitment and management and is familiar with the workings of SMEs, start-ups and multinationals.

Ben is passionate about legal education. He trains lawyers and other professionals by making difficult areas of law more accessible.

Work Undertaken

- Civil and Commercial
- Immigration
- Employment
- Public Law

Publications

Transfers of Tenancy and Immigration Status

Disrupting the Rules: child rights in the UK Supreme Court

Reasonableness and the seven-year rule

Dealing with allegations of bias against immigration judges

There may be trouble ahead: local authority support to further education settings and new duties

Brave New World

Costs in judicial review cases in the upper tribunal

How to resist or enforce possession orders after 6 years

Challenging the detention of EEA nationals

Public interest factors and Article 8

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Appointments & Memberships

- Employment Lawyers Association
- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID)
- Asylum Support Appeals Project (ASAP) duty advocate
- Immigration Law Practitioners Association

Notable Cases

Employment

[Asghar & Co Solicitors v Habib \(Unfair Dismissal\) \[2017\] UKEAT 0332_16_1505 \(15 May 2017\)](#)

Appeal in the EAT on the period of delay to be considered when determining if an employee has affirmed the contract of employment before resigning and claiming constructive dismissal.

Matthews v Bolitho School Penzance Ltd in Creditors Voluntary Liquidation 14001882017

Representing 13 claimants in the Employment Tribunal seeking payments against an insolvent employer under EU law (the Collective Redundancies Directive) and the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

Ms S Gill v Flogas Britain Ltd: 2600985/2016

4-day disability discrimination case in the Employment Tribunal.

Civil Litigation

Avuru v Overare (2016)

5-day High Court trial concerning allegations of breach of fiduciary duty in the sale of property.

Public Law

R (SC) v London Borough of Ealing [2016] EWHC 2765 (Admin)

Judicial review concerning local authority duties to children.

R (Medical Justice and others) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2016)

Judicial review challenge to central government's reliance on a restrictive definition of torture in Article 1 of the UN Convention Against Torture to justify detention of non-UK nationals. As featured in [the Guardian](#).