

Ben Lafferty

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Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

General Commercial

Overview

Ben is commonly instructed in contract claims, company disputes, director liability matters, debt recovery claims and property developer claims. Ben's involvement in each area ranges from final hearings to dealing with interlocutory applications – including strike out and summary judgment applications as well as applications for injunctions.

Ben's notable cases and instructions in this general commercial area of his practice include:

- His successful defence of a summary judgment application brought by the Claimant in a claim stated to be valued at £104,000;
- His obtaining of a dismissal of an application for an injunction as totally without merit and obtaining an indemnity cost award in a case concerning allegations of trusts over land;
- His successful appearance on behalf of a Claimant multi-national law firm at the final hearing of a claim for unpaid fees pursuant to a non-contentious business agreement;
- His provision of advice to the purchaser of a large-scale piece of commercial real estate following their purchase of a plot of land valued at £1.3 million, as to the contractual construction of post-completion obligations pursuant to the contract of sale; and
- His provision of a letter of advice to a prospective Claimant in a claim intimated to be worth circa £840,000, concerning the law of compromise.

Education

Qualifications

- St Malachy's College, Belfast (2008-2015)
- Queen's University, Belfast (2015-2018) LLB Law with Politics, First Class Honours
- BPP Manchester (2019-2020), LLM Legal Practice, Distinction

Scholarships

- Inner Temple Major Scholarship
- Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh's Scholarship
- BPP Academic Excellence Scholarship

Recommendations

Of Ben's performance in a 4 day multi-track trial, the designated civil judge hearing the trial commented of his performance (after the conclusion of the trial, by way of email):

"I thought you conducted the trial very well and incredibly well for someone of your call."

Of Ben's performance in successfully obtaining the dismissal of an application to set aside a possession order and underlying warrant for eviction, Ben's instructing solicitor noted, by way of feedback to Chambers' senior management:

"...[the District Judge] was particularly complimentary toward Ben and his skeleton this morning – at which we had as successful a court outing as I can remember..."

Ben was also good with me and with our client.

I was pleased to witness it – [he is] a credit to chambers."

Of Ben's involvement in difficult and high value bankruptcy matters (valued at circa £3.2m), his instructing solicitor noted:

"We have been very impressed with Ben...He has been very thorough, responsive and attentive. We have found him to be knowledgeable and approachable, and his written advice has been very good."

Of Ben's performance in a possession and contested probate matter, his instructing solicitors noted, by way of feedback to Chambers' senior management:

"We have had great help from Ben Lafferty in relation to a possession matter and related probate dispute...We attended a possession hearing last week and after a long battle, we obtained the order we needed and Ben was able to persuade the judge to ignore the numerous obstacles trying to be put up by the opposing barrister. The clients have been very happy with his services, they are a private paying couple, the fees for dealing with the matter have been kept reasonable and as ever more work has not doubt been done and not charged for."

We have been very pleased with the service from Ben and would recommend his services to anyone."

Of Ben's performance in successfully defending a £104,000 summary judgment application, Ben's instructing solicitor said of his performance, by way of feedback to Chambers' senior management:

"I would like to bring to your attention my admiration for the work done by Counsel in extremely difficult circumstances."

Beyond the Bar

Ben is an avid guitarist, having played (or, at least, attempted to play) the instrument since the age of 5. His obsession with the instrument sees him attempt to source a guitar shop on each of his travels to the various court centres up and down the jurisdiction to which he is sent.