

## Ben Birtchnell

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## Practice Overview

Ben regularly represents clients in the Family Court, the Magistrates and County Courts, the Court of Protection, the High Court (Family and Chancery Divisions) and the Court of Appeal. He also represents in civil and family mediations and family arbitrations.

In Family law, Ben is instructed by parents, guardians and local authorities in the final hearings of public and private law Children Act proceedings throughout the South-East of England. He also conducts cases with a cross-border element, such as international relocation and cases of international child abduction under the Hague Convention 1980 and the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court. In addition, Ben has an extensive matrimonial finance practice, working with high value and complex cases involving pre-nuptial agreements, business valuations, international assets and issues of non-disclosure.

Ben also has a Chancery practice, with particular experience in the law of wills and trusts (including co-ownership of property cases), business partnership disputes and probate and Inheritance Act 1975 claims.

An incisive, tenacious advocate with a comprehensive knowledge of the law, Ben also builds the trust and rapport necessary to influence and negotiate, while his calm demeanour is reassuring to clients and judges alike.

## Degree/University

MA (Trinity College, Oxford)

BVC (BPP Law School, London) (Very Competent)

GDL (College of Law, Guildford) (Commendation)

## Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Cholmeley Scholarship

Wigglesworth Scholarship

Sir Louis Gluckstein Advocacy Competition Finalist

## Memberships

Denning Society

Bar Pro Bono Unit

Family Law Bar Association

## Areas of Practice

### Family

Family Finance

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

International Family Law  
Domestic Violence  
Adoption  
Costs  
Deprivation of Liberty  
Fabricated or Induced Illness (FII)  
Hague Convention 1980  
Hague Convention 1996  
Mental Health Issues  
Neglect  
Non-Accidental Injury  
Parental Alienation  
Physical Abuse  
Sexual Abuse  
Special Guardianship  
Specific Issue Orders  
Vulnerable Witnesses

## **Matrimonial Finance**

Business Assets  
Children Act 1989: Schedule 1  
Financial Remedies on Divorce  
Foreign Assets  
Insolvency  
Non-Disclosure  
Transfer of Tenancy  
Validity of Marriage

## **Chancery**

Co-ownership of Property  
Court of Protection (Property & Affairs)  
Inheritance Act 1975  
Partnership  
Probate  
Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (TOLATA)