

# Ben Amunwa

**Year of Call:** 2013

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## Education

Ben Amunwa has extensive experience in resolving education law disputes that span early years to higher education settings.

He provides advice and representation on admissions, exclusions, SEN, discrimination, judicial reviews, transport, school complaints and OIA matters, as well as teachers' regulation and civil claims. Ben's clients include local authorities, families, university students, and national teachers' unions.

Since 2014, Ben has appeared regularly in SENDIST appeals (including multi-day extended appeals and onward appeals to the Upper Tribunal). He has acted in complex appeals with Exceptional Case Funding. Ben is adept at expert witness handling and is able to support teams of professional witnesses with ease.

Ben is a well-established SEN practitioner who focuses on finding the right solutions for the children and young people. His accessible and collegiate approach to SEN hearings has been praised by principal educational psychologists and instructing solicitors alike. He provides seamless additional support where matters escalate into judicial reviews, complaints or human rights damages claims.

Ben is also a prolific trainer who enjoys engaging individuals, educators and local authority professionals in understanding and applying the framework of law, policy and judicial learning in the education sector. He recently published a 45-page manual providing an introduction to SEN and education law.

## Recommendations

"He is thorough and dedicated. Ben is knowledgeable on immigration and asylum issues."

**Chambers UK 2024**

"Ben is well respected, responsive and efficient, providing a high quality of drafting and advocacy."

**Chambers UK 2024**

"He provides superb work that never needs amending and has good judgement."

**Chambers UK 2023**

"He is an extremely clever barrister, who provides excellent drafting and is also great with clients." "He is collaborative, responds quickly and is very dedicated."

**Chambers UK 2022**

"I will never understand how on earth Ben absorbed so much detail... In cross-examination of the other side's witnesses, Ben very artfully led those witnesses to make admissions that they had avoided. He blew their case wide open, making them admit

that they should have taken steps to retain data, that they should not have deleted electronic data. These were witnesses at the top of the organisational chart."

**Farzana Saiyed, Employment law client 2020**

## **Academic qualifications**

- BA Hons in English and Related Literature (1st Class), University of York
- BPTC (Very Competent), City University of London
- GDL (Distinction), City University of London

## **Scholarships**

- Lord Denning Major Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Lord Brougham CPE Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn

## **Professional bodies**

- Administrative Law Bar Association ('ALBA')
- Education Lawyers Association ('ELAS')
- Employment Lawyers Association ('ELA')
- Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit)
- Bar Council, Race training panel
- Lincoln's Inn

## **Direct Access**

Ben Amunwa is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.