

Ben Amunwa

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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.

Articles

Ben Amunwa predicts a groundswell of systemic legal challenges – including but not limited to judicial reviews – on a range of social and economic issues affecting the education sector.

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Recommendations

Ben Amunwa has a standout practice in public and equality law, including cases challenging inadequate provision of education and housing. He draws on his background in NGOs and advocacy groups to handle strategic litigation, primarily on behalf of vulnerable clients and asylum seekers.

Strengths: "Ben is very thorough and detailed in his drafting. He is accessible to work with but confident about his views and judgement."

"Ben is fantastic. He is reliable, has sound judgement and will leave no stone unturned."

"His work is just impeccable. He is super reliable and very well organised."

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

Chambers 2025/Administrative and Public Law/London Bar

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

Chambers 2024/Administrative and Public Law/London Bar

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

Chambers 2023/Administrative and Public Law/London Bar

"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 2022/Administrative and Public Law/London Bar

"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.