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Ben Campbell has developed a significant practice with a focus on crime and regulatory work.

A CPS Level 4 Prosecutor, Ben both defends and prosecutes work of all levels, and has been instructed in a number of wide-ranging Operations. Ben has a pragmatic approach, and enjoys strong working relationships with both lay and professional clients.

## **Expertise**

#### Crime

Ben undertakes prosecution and defence work in equal measure at all levels throughout the criminal jurisdiction, having appeared at Youth, Magistrates' and Crown Courts, as well as the Court of Appeal.

## Relevant Experience

- Recently secured a conviction in a difficult and sensitive case involving threats to kill made in a domestic context.
- · Secured the acquittal, after a trial, of a tour operator driver accused of dangerous driving.
- Instructed in a number of cases involving the non-payment of substantial excise duty on cigarettes.
- Regular work, both prosecuting and defending involving non-fatal offences against the person, predominantly offences of affray and assaults occasioning actual and grievous bodily harm.
- Secured a conviction in a case of arson with intent to endanger life.
- Instructed in a case involving theft from employee and fraud by abuse of position which led to proceedings under the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- Experience of enforcement proceedings, particularly in relation to compensation orders.
- Instructed in cases involving restraining orders, football banning orders, antisocial behaviour orders and the like.
- Has represented prisoners both in adjudication and parole board hearings successfully.

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### Personal Injury

Ben works both in representing and advising parties in personal injury work. He is predominantly instructed in relation to road traffic accidents but also, with increasing frequency, in employer's and occupier's liability cases. He has experience in cases involving multiple vehicles, allegations of staged accidents, and cases involving credit hire issues.

#### Relevant Experience

- Regular instructions in Infant Approval cases.
- Disposal hearings.
- Personal injuries following road traffic accidents, often also involving damage to vehicles and credit hire charges. Has been instructed in relation to allegedly fraudulent road traffic collisions.
- Has successfully represented Claimants on Appeal against decisions of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. Ben has secured significant awards in this capacity in relation to Chronic Pain Disorder.
- Instructed in cases under the Occupiers' and Employment Liability Acts.
- Represented the Local Authority in a case under the Mental Health Act.
- · Regularly advises on issues of both quantum and liability.

### **Employment**

In an increasingly busy employment practice, Ben has experience of a broad range of disputes across the employment law spectrum. His practice encompasses unfair and wrongful dismissal, redundancy, breach of contract, non-payment of wages, both sexual and racial discrimination and victimization claims. Ben receives instructions from employers and employees in equal measure.

## Relevant Experience

- Represented an Employer, a farmer, who, although he had unfairly dismissed an employee, did not have to pay a significant award due to the employee's own actions, in reliance on the case of Polkey.
- Successfully represented the employee, a nursery nurse, who was found to have been unfairly dismissed after a full hearing and awarded substantial sums in compensation.
- Successfully represented a Head of Service of a local Council, who was found to have been unfairly dismissed when the Employer's redundancy selection procedure failed.
- Experience in dealing with issues of protected disclosures, victimization, discrimination and contractual breaches.

## **Appointments**

• CPS Level 4 Prosecutor

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## Education

- Post Graduate Diploma in Law
- MA (Hons), University of St Andrews

# Speaking

Ben has given seminars on the subject of Discrimination within Employment Law, and is a member of New Park Court Chambers Employment Team, who provide a regular seminar programme.

Ben also trains officers of the Serious Organised Crime Association, as well as the Department for Work and Pensions, on Court etiquette and procedures. This training involves both a seminar on the subject, and exercises designed to familiarise potential witnesses with the way in which a day at court takes place, and a demonstration of both examination in chief and cross examination.

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