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Ben Rowe is a founding member of Crucible and specialises in serious, complex criminal matters and white collar crime. He both prosecutes and defends and has a particular expertise in areas where criminal law and commercial litigation overlap, especially cases with a high volume of computer-related evidence. Alongside his criminal practice Ben has also developed a strong regulatory and disciplinary practice.

Ben previously spent three years employed within the commercial litigation and financial crime teams at the UK's largest litigation-only law firm. He has a well-deserved reputation for his strong relationships with both professional and lay clients, and for being very responsive and easy to work with.

Ben is a fearless and passionate advocate with a robust, no nonsense approach to advocacy, while also sensitive to the needs of vulnerable clients and witnesses.

Within Chambers, Ben is the joint head of Pupillage and Training alongside Clea Topolski.



Fraud and investigations:

Ben has a great deal of experience in both criminal and civil fraud. Ben's experience has included matters involving

private prosecutions, confiscation, restraint and asset tracing.

In his previous employed role he advised the firm and its clients on any number of criminal matters arising from large scale, international litigation. As a result Ben has extensive experience of the intersection of criminal and corporate matters, and is able to take a sound, commercial view when advising white collar clients.

In his prosecution practice, Ben was recently instructed as a led-junior in a multi-million pound tax fraud. He also has significant experience of prosecuting frauds undertaken by people in positions of trust (such as employees and carers) and also frauds against the State.

Ben is able to advise businesses and individuals who either face, or may face, investigations by regulators and prosecutorial authorities. He can be involved from the very first moment, even before matters are reported, to help steer the path to the benefit of his clients.

Acting for regulators and investigators, Ben has a strong reputation for advising on searches and raids, and is particularly experienced in dealing with investigations which may touch upon matters of legal privilege (such as when he recently attended the raid of an established solicitors firm alongside police and investigators to provide instant, on the scene, advice about privilege).

Violent crime:

In his defence practice, Ben has previously been instructed in his own right in cases including attempted murder and a large number of very serious assaults. As a led-junior he has also been instructed to defend in a murder case. He is used to participating in trials with multiple defendants. He is particularly adept at dealing with cell site and telephonic evidence.

As a Grade 2 prosecutor he regularly conducts trials in the Crown Courts for charges such as actual bodily harm, robbery and other violent matters.

Serious organised crime and drug trafficking :

Given his previous experience, Ben is very comfortable with cross-jurisdictional offences and large scale conspiracies. He is currently instructed as a led-junior to defend in a multi-million pound people trafficking and money laundering conspiracy. He is also instructed as a leading junior in a thirty-handed drug trafficking conspiracy.

Ben is very experienced with “County Lines” drug cases and is particularly sensitive to the needs of younger defendants in these cases who are often the victims of trafficking themselves. He is experienced with cases involving the Home Office’s National Referral Mechanism and potential modern slavery defences.

Professional discipline :

Ben regularly represents registrants, especially healthcare professionals, in disciplinary proceedings before their regulators. His work includes substantive hearings as well as interim hearings and reviews of established orders. He is regularly instructed to attend the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and Health and Care Professions Council (HCPS) on behalf of the RCN, UNITE and other unions.

Ben also has experience of representing Prison Officers and psychiatric nurses who work in secure environments.

