



Since joining Furnival Chambers in 2006 Ben has developed a predominantly defence practice at every level of the criminal justice system. In addition to successfully defending Crown court cases involving offences of serious violence, robbery and deception, Ben has been instructed in confiscation proceedings and in civil actions against the police.

Ben recently assisted junior counsel for the first defendant in

preparing for the Tonbridge Securitas robbery trial (the largest of its kind in British history) and has also assisted in preparing for one of the largest MTIC frauds ever prosecuted.

In 2008 Ben was instructed as junior counsel in a successful appeal against conviction at the Court of Appeal (*R v Thakrar* [2008] EWCA Crim 2359). The case involved an RCPO investigation into money laundering offences totalling over £5m and the appeal was won on a novel point of the jury's unauthorised access to extraneous materials.

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