



# Ben Sidgwick

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Ben Sidgwick has over a decade of post-qualification experience as a Solicitor in the Dispute Resolution Team.

Having grown-up in Cornwall, he returned following completion of his Law Degree at Durham University and Legal Practice Diploma at Cardiff University to train and qualify with Coodes.

Ben qualified as a Solicitor in 2009 and has been an Associate Solicitor with Coodes since May 2015.

Ben has featured in the Legal 500 for several years as a "Leading Individual" and described as "outstanding".

## Expertise

### Disputes

Ben deals with consumer and contract litigation, property and land disputes, residential landlord and tenant disputes, professional negligence actions and defamation.

Ben also acts for claimant and defendant clients in a full range of contentious Trust and Probate matters including those relating to the validity of Wills, claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975, problem executors, associated negligence claims, difficulties arising out of the sale of property within an estate and equitable claims including proprietary estoppel.

#### Notable Disputes cases

##### Inheritance Act Claim

Ben resolved a high value Inheritance Act Claim for an adult claimant securing a significant settlement for the client at mediation after the issue of court proceedings.

##### Complex Boundary Dispute

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Ben dealt with a complex property dispute concerning a disputed boundary, trespass and nuisance issues resolved after the issue of court proceedings following an on-site without prejudice meeting.

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#### Defamation

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Ben dealt with a defamation claim for an individual claimant against a large organisation securing a formal apology (which was circulated and published in the press), a significant settlement sum, and a payment to cover the client's costs and expenses.

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#### Property Dispute

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Ben resolved a difficult property dispute concerning lack of access to the client's property by way of negotiating a replacement route of access with a neighbouring owner and recovering the clients' costs and expenses from their conveyancers by way of a professional negligence claim.

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#### Will

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Ben dealt with a case for executor clients in a case where the doctrine of ademption would apply under the provisions of the Will making an application to the Chancery Division of the High Court under CPR Part 64 for a declaration to protect the executors' position on final distribution.

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#### Right Of Way Dispute

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Ben secured a positive outcome for clients in a claim for a prescriptive right of way concluded by Order from the First-Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

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#### Adverse Possession & Trespass

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Ben secured title to an area of land for the clients and recovery of their costs from their conveyancers, which also involved successfully concluding an adverse possession claim and securing an injunction to prevent trespass and demolition works.

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## Qualifications & Accreditations

- Solicitor (2009)

## Memberships

- Law Society of England & Wales
- Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) (since 2022)
- Property Litigation Association (PLA) (since 2021)
- Association of Contentious Trust & Probate Specialists (ACTAPS) (since 2017)

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