Benedict Scantlebury

Year of Call: 2023



Practice Summary

Benedict accepts instructions across all of Chambers' core practice areas, with a focus on public and administrative law; inquests; property and housing matters; local government; and planning work.

Benedict was called to the Bar in July 2023 having received the highest overall mark in his cohort on the ICCA Bar Course. Since joining Chambers in October 2024, Benedict has maintained a court-heavy practice alongside his drafting and advisory work. He appears frequently in the County Court dealing with cases at both their interlocutory and trial stages. Benedict has particular experience in housing and property work. Having been seconded to a housing association as a pupil barrister, he is now regularly instructed by both landlords and tenants in housing possession, disrepair, and anti-social behaviour cases. As such, he has wide-ranging experience dealing with succession matters, mortgage possession cases, and discrimination claims under the Equality Act 2010.

Benedict frequently appears before the Magistrates' Court and Crown Court in both civil and criminal matters, namely on behalf of the police and local authorities in civil application hearings and on behalf of public and private clients in prosecutions under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Benedict also has experience appearing before the Coroner's Court, before a range of regulatory panels in professional disciplinary cases, and before the High Court in committal proceedings.

Benedict appeared as junior counsel in the High Court in *Pentagon Food Group Ltd. and others v B. Cadman Ltd.* [2024] EWHC 2513 (Comm) and as junior counsel in the Court of Appeal in *Awolowo v Awolowo & Anor* [2025] EWCA Civ 641.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Benedict worked as a data protection paralegal and undertook a remote placement at a capital defender's officer in Louisiana.

Benedict is also able to accept instructions on a direct access basis.

Direct Access

- Yes

Education

- Postgraudate Diploma in Bar Practice (Distinction), The Inns of Court College of Advocacy (ICCA)
- Graduate LLB (First Class), The University of Law
- MA, North American Studies (Distinction), Heidelberg University
- BA (Hons), History (First Class), Oxford University

Memberships

- The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn

Awards

- Derek Wood CBE KC Award for Best Overall Performance, ICCA
- Red Lion Chambers Conference Prize, ICCA
- Exchange Chambers Opinion Writing Prize, ICCA
- Society for Computers and Law Essay Prize
- Valedictory Prize, Heidelberg Center for American Studies
- Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research Undergraduate Prize
- Wylie Prize, Oxford University History Faculty
- Gladstone Prize, Christ Church
- Book Prize, Christ Church

Scholarships

- Bedingfield Scholarship, Gray’s Inn
- David Karmel Scholarship, Gray’s Inn
- Residential Scholarship, Gray’s Inn
- Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service

Areas of Expertise

- Administrative Public Law
- Housing
- Local Government
- Planning Environment
- Inquiries And Inquests
- Property