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BEN RICH

Year of call: 2010

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Expertise: Criminal Defence
Criminal Prosecutions
Health and Safety / Environmental / Trading
Standards
Fraud, Confiscation and Asset Recovery/Forfeiture

Ben Rich came to Chambers in September 2010 and was invited to become a member in April 2012 following the successful completion of his pupillage. He now practises in the Crown Court, Magistrates' Courts and has appeared in the Court of Appeal. Before being called to the Bar, Ben had a substantial career as a radio and television journalist at the BBC. He worked for six years as an editor on BBC2's Newsnight, and ended up as Deputy Editor of the Six and Ten O'clock News on BBC1. In 2003 he won two awards for 'Blair on Iraq: A Newsnight Special': a one hour programme on BBC2 in which the then Prime Minister faced an audience opposed to the conflict shortly before the fighting began.

PRACTICE

Crime

Ben is regularly instructed to represent defendants in the Crown Court, Magistrates' Courts and youth courts. He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal in two reported cases. He is a Grade 1 prosecutor. His experience covers offences of robbery, blackmail, perverting the course of justice, violence, dishonesty, drugs and traffic violations. He represents people facing confiscation, extradition and restrictive orders (including Sexual Offences Prevention Orders and Football Banning Orders). He is instructed by the Serious Organised Crime Agency to train senior and junior officers in presenting evidence in court.

Regulatory

Ben has a particular interest in Health and Safety issues. As a BBC manager he was trained in Health and Safety procedures and risk assessment. When producing in the field he bore personal responsibility for the health and safety of his team. This often involved building temporary studios and taking decisions about personal safety of staff in dangerous locations. During his preparation for a career at the bar Ben wrote his thesis on the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

Advisory

During pupillage Ben gained experience of drafting advices for the Attorney General on unduly lenient sentences, skeleton arguments, schedules and case summaries. For five months he was a pupil to Treasury Counsel at the Central Criminal Court, where he assisted in the prosecution of cases of murder, attempted murder, firearms offences and perverting the course of justice.

Education

Ben Rich

Awards

Major Scholarship (Inner Temple)

Languages

Conversational French and basic Russian

Notable Cases

Crime

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Tristan Narine [2012] EWCA Crim 1991
Defence
Court of Appeal reduced a 4-year disqualification for dangerous driving to 2 years.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Adam Kruger [2012] EWCA 2166
Defence
Represented defendant at Court of Appeal regarding sentence for perverting the course of justice and careless driving.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Tahir Ibrahim
Defence
Crown abandoned case of perverting the course of justice and assault at the end of nearly four hours of cross examination of the complainant.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Mohammed Hassan
Defence
Acquittal secured at trial, after detailed analysis of telephone records, for a juvenile defendant accused of blackmail and two robberies, all of same victim.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Kelvin Ralph
Defence
Argued successfully for a suspended sentence for defendant who admitted stealing the identities of two people and defrauding building societies of £22,000.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Luke Nolan
Defence
Persuaded Magistrates not to disqualify a driver who admitted speeding at 68mph in a 30mph zone.

Case name Appearance Detail

R v Jamie Forder
Defence
Successfully resisted application for a Football Banning Order after Defendant's convictions for assault and public order offences while drunk on a train home from attending a match involving Millwall Football Club.