

Benjamin Willis

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Biography

As part of our Real Estate Disputes practice, Ben Willis works with a broad range of stakeholders including institutional landlords, high-end retailers and real estate funds. Ben advises on all manner of property disputes covering a vast range of issues, always with a focus on helping clients find the best solutions to their complex property related problems, and often within tight timescales.

Ben has experience in dealing with an array of property related matters ranging from removing trespassers and development disputes, to property related fraud. In addition, Ben has experience advising clients seeking to obtain vacant possession of property for development both regionally and in Central London. Ben also has significant experience dealing with a range of property disputes in an insolvency setting, which invariably adds a significant degree of complexity to matters.

Ben is a regular contributor to our Keeping it Real Estate blog and Real Estate Quarterly publication, as well as contributing to external publications.

Representative experience

Successfully appealing to the Court of Appeal on a point of EU sanctions law enabling a sovereign wealth fund to enforce a €12.5m loan through bankruptcy



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Practices

Real Estate

Industries

Real Estate

Education and admissions

Education

L.P.C., BPP University Law School, 2012

B.A. (Jurisprudence), Oxford University, 2011

proceedings.

Securing permission in the High Court against the administrators of a nationwide retail chain to forfeit the leases of five retail park units.

Achieving victory at court for landlords to be reimbursed rental discounts imposed under a company voluntary arrangement (CVA) following the collapse of the retailer BHS.

Obtaining forfeiture of a 125 year lease of a department store for failure to trade unless liquidators completed a sale within 3 months.

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Confirmation from the Court of Appeal: Exercising CRAR will waive a right to forfeit *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Back to basics: what to do when you receive a break notice *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Opposing a lease renewal on redevelopment grounds – a helpful case for landlords *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Real Estate Quarterly Summer 2019
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Has your lease been validly contracted out of the 1954 Act? Landlords can breathe a sigh of relief *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Rateable value: The Supreme Court departs from reality *Keeping It Real Estate*

Memberships

Property Litigation Association
