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Ben advises on a wide range of corporate matters, with a focus on M&A on behalf of VC-backed companies, as well as private equity and growth capital fundraisings.

He acts for investors and high-growth companies on acquisitions, minority investments, leveraged buyouts, exits, buy-and-build strategies and restructurings, typically with a trans-Atlantic element.

Ben advises on transactions covering a range of sectors, with a particular interest in software, artificial intelligence and other technology-related investments. He also has significant experience advising strategic and financial investors on complex domestic and cross-border M&A and joint ventures.

Ben's representative matters include advising:

- Kpler on its acquisition of Spire Global's maritime business for \$241 million, its \$200+ million strategic growth investment from Insight Partners and Five Arrows, and multiple acquisitions, including ClipperData and MarineTraffic
- PetLab Co. on its sale of a majority stake to BC Partners
- MoonPay on its acquisition of Helio
- Board Intelligence on its investment from K1 Investment Management
- GeBBS Healthcare Solutions and ChrysCapital on the sale of a controlling interest in GeBBS to EQT
- Nord Security, the makers of NordVPN, on its two \$100+ million financing rounds led by Warburg Pincus and Novator Ventures, respectively, most recently at a valuation of \$3 billion
- Accel as lead investor in the \$267 million Series F fundraising of Zepz
- Zalgiris Kaunas on its acquisition of the London Lions professional basketball franchise
- Snyk in connection with its acquisitions of Enso Security, Fugue, TopCoat, CloudSkiff, FossID, Manifold and DeepCode
- Fordhouse on its investment in Zenzero, buy-and-build strategy and subsequent exit to Macquarie Capital
- CovertSwarm on its investment from Beech Tree Private Equity
- Unchained Labs on its acquisition of Blacktrace Holdings
- TradingHub on its investment from Summit Partners
- Uber on its joint venture with Yandex and its reorganization of Careem into separate ride-hailing and super app business units in connection with a \$400 million investment by e&

- Zephr on its agreement to sell to Zuora
- UiPath in connection with its acquisition of Re:infer
- Investors in MiroBio regarding its agreement to sell to Gilead for approximately \$405 million
- iProov on its \$70 million growth investment from Sumeru Equity Partners
- Chegg in connection with its acquisition of Busuu for approximately \$436 million
- Sense Biodetection on its combination with Sherlock Biosciences
- Quantifeed on its acquisition of Alpima
- Unmind on its acquisition of Frankie Health
- Wagestream in connection with its acquisition of Earnd Australia
- Humio on its agreement to sell to CrowdStrike for approximately \$400 million
- Decibel on its agreement to sell to Medallia for approximately \$160 million
- Burda Principal Investments on the buyout of notonthehighstreet by Great Hill Partners
- Société Jacques Bollinger in connection with its investment in BI Wines and Spirits

Ben joined Cooley in 2020. He is recommended in Chambers UK as a leading lawyer for Corporate/M&A (£100 – 800 million) and The Legal 500 UK as a Next Generation Partner for private equity transactions. He was also named a Rising Star of private equity in the London market by Legal Week in 2018.

Education

BPP University Law School
Legal Practice Course, 2005

BPP University Law School
Graduate Diploma in Law, 2004

Peterhouse, Cambridge University
MA, Land Economy, 2003

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales

Rankings & Accolades

Chambers UK: Corporate/M&A: £100-800 million (2024)

The Legal 500 UK: Next-Generation Partner for Private Equity Transactions (2021)

Legal Week: Rising Star – Private Equity in the London Market (2018)