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Ben advises on complex mergers and acquisitions, particularly involving technology companies. He is a prominent advisor to UK and European VC-backed companies, with a focus on high-stakes transactions for and opposite strategic acquirers and financial sponsors.

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

Ben's representative matters include advising:

- OpenAI on its acquisition of Tomoro
- Avantia Law on its sale to Carta
- mea Platform on its $50 million investment from Scottish Equity Partners
- 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
- Ping Identity on its acquisition of Keyless
- Investors in Dream Games, the makers of Royal Match, on sale of their interests to CVC
- 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
- Nulogy on its acquisition of AuditComply
- ClickUp on its acquisition of Qatalog
- Nord Security, the makers of NordVPN, on its two $100+ million financing rounds led by Warburg Pincus and Novator Ventures, respectively
- 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
- Wagestream in connection with its acquisitions of Earnd, Keebo and Zippen
- Fordhouse on its investment in Zenzero and subsequent exit to Macquarie Capital and on its

investments in Wilson Partners and Automatic Industrial Machines
- 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
- 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 (2025 – 2027)

The Legal 500 UK: Next-Generation Partner for Private Equity Transactions (2021 – 2024)

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