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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
- Quantifood on its acquisition of Alpima
- Unmind on its acquisition of Frankie Health
- Wagestream in connection with its acquisition of Earmd 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 , 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)