

'Barry Bennell case' webinar

This webinar looks at the three key themes in the decision, and is aimed at sports & social clubs (including safeguarding officers).

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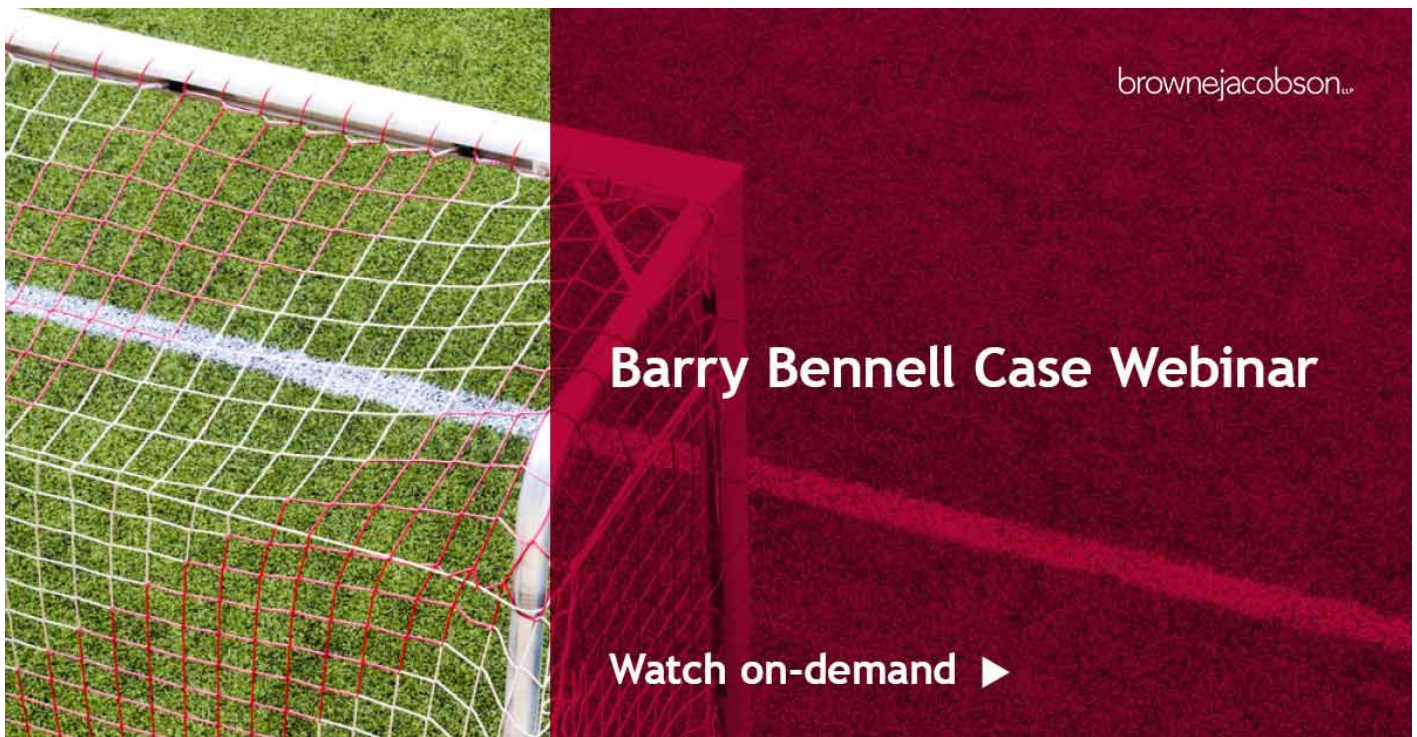
This webinar took place on 23 March 2022 and is now available on-demand.

Barry Bennell was, for a short time, a local football scout in the mid-1970s. After this stopped, he continued to assume the mantle of a local scout, befriending the families of very young footballers, winning their trust and exploiting that trust to give himself opportunities to abuse the boys. Eight of them brought claims which were, in January this year, dismissed.

The background to the claims is a learning opportunity for all those working with children and young people, and in particular for those where there is a reliance on volunteers and others to provide “discretionary” time for the furtherance of each club’s aims and objectives. In this on-demand webinar, our leading lawyers will look at the three key themes that came out in January’s decision known as TVZ v Manchester City Football Club. They are:

- The question of limitation and how it applies to claims dating back to the 1970s and 1980s.
- The issue of vicarious liability and how a person holding themselves out as a scout or representative might render an organisation vicariously liable for their deliberate acts of abuse.
- A rather unusual approach taken by the Judge to the question of causation and damages.

This presentation is aimed at sports and social clubs, scouting and guiding groups, safeguarding officers involved with these organisations and sports associations. The implications of the judgment will also be of significant concern of insurers and brokers of these organisations.



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