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Scope of Practice

• Administrative & Public Law • Agency • Arbitration • Banking and Financial Services • Civil Fraud and Investigations • Company and Insolvency • Commercial Litigation • Contempt of Court • Economic Torts • Energy and Natural Resources • Information Technology • Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws • Professional Liability • Injunctions • Trusts

Overview

Alexander is a leading commercial silk regularly instructed in complex, high-value international disputes, in the courts and in arbitration. He has a wealth of advocacy experience, having appeared in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, as leading or sole counsel in numerous High Court trials, and in arbitrations under the LCIA, ICC, UNCITRAL and SIAC rules. His recent cases include UniCredit v RusChemAlliance, named by Global Arbitration Review as the Most Important Decision of the Year in 2025.

Alexander has particular expertise in international fraud and urgent injunctive relief, including worldwide freezing orders, anti-suit injunctions and search orders. He is frequently instructed in jurisdictional battles between courts and arbitral tribunals, and in disputes over new technology, from software-as-a-service to artificial intelligence. His work spans banking and finance, energy and natural resources, manufacturing and technology.

He is ranked in Chambers and Partners UK Bar 2027 for Commercial Dispute Resolution, and in Legal 500 2027 for Commercial Litigation, International Arbitration and Banking and Finance. The directories describe him as *"top of the market, extremely responsive and bright"* (Legal 500 2027, Banking and Finance), as *"an excellent cross-examiner and a highly persuasive advocate who can simplify the most bafflingly complicated case"* (Legal 500 2027, International Arbitration), and as *"really responsive and someone who gives really clear advice that goes straight to the heart of the matter"* (Chambers and Partners 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution).

Alexander's current and recent cases include:

- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance**, Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning Russian sanctions, arbitration agreements and anti-suit injunctions. Alexander made oral submissions over two days on novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the governing law of arbitration agreements, anti-suit injunctions, and the powers of the English Court to intervene in arbitral proceedings.
- **Xenfin v GFG**, Chancery Division proceedings arising from the collapse of the Dolphin Group, which left investors owed around €3 billion. Alexander appears as leading counsel for the claimant. He defeated the defendants' jurisdiction challenges ([2025] EWHC 172 (Ch)) and their strike-out application on every ground. 16-day trial listed for March 2027.

- **SFC v Ori**, the first major English case to consider the technological and contractual standards applicable to AI systems, with claims and counterclaims of approximately US $30 million. Alexander appears as leading counsel for the defendant and counterclaimant. Four-week TCC trial listed for March 2028.
- LCIA arbitration in which Alexander acts as sole counsel for a Nigerian oil and gas group, which acquired a Nigerian upstream business for around US$1.2 billion, in a battle for control with its largest shareholder. He defeated the shareholder's applications for emergency arbitrator relief and interim measures, which failed alongside its parallel proceedings in Mauritius.
- Two parallel London-seated LCIA arbitrations, where Alexander acts as leading counsel. The proceedings concern the ownership and operation of a major African mine, and raise complex issues of law, including economic torts, bribery, equitable obligations in joint-venture arrangements, and trust principles.
- LCIA arbitration for a global automotive manufacturer against its former UAE distributor, concerning unpaid vehicles and the ownership of assets in the UAE, where Alexander acts as leading counsel for the claimant. He obtained emergency arbitrator relief freezing dealings with the assets, and conducted the five-day evidential hearing in September 2026.
- **Kompaktwerk v LivePerson**, landmark Commercial Court decision that the 'software-as-a-service' (SaaS) model for computer software is not a sale of goods, defeating the claimant's attempt to bring a claim under the Commercial Agents Regulations. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for the successful defendant.
- **Xtellus v DL Invest**, six-day Commercial Court trial concerning a success fee on Macquarie's financing of more than €140 million to a Polish real estate group. The dispute raised issues of foreign law, agency, authority, contracting parties and ratification. Alexander appeared as leading counsel for the claimant and was successful on every issue, with the defendant ordered to pay indemnity costs.
- ICC arbitration proceedings involving a politically sensitive fraud and conspiracy claim for $1 billion, arising from an alleged conspiracy to exclude the claimants from the tender to operate Iran's national mobile telephone network.
- **Ocado v McKeeve**, high-profile and unprecedented contempt of court proceedings in which a former partner of a major law firm was found guilty of criminal contempt for destroying documents in breach of a search order. Alexander appeared for the successful claimant.
- UNCITRAL arbitration proceedings between two of the world's largest alcoholic beverage producers involving the largest ever claim under the Commercial Agents Regulations.

Examples of Recent Cases

Administrative & Public Law

Alexander has substantial expertise in public and regulatory law, built through a diverse range of high-profile litigation and advisory work. His practice encompasses judicial reviews, regulatory challenges, and cases involving statutory interpretation and governmental decision-making.

Recently, Alexander has been acting for Boots in complex litigation against the NHS, addressing significant public law issues arising from NHS guidance and communications during the COVID-19 lockdown, with wider implications for regulatory decision-making and healthcare policy. In 2020-2021, he was engaged in a high-stakes dispute in the water industry, scrutinizing the regulatory framework and enforcement powers of Ofwat.

Alexander's experience is further strengthened by his time on secondment at key public authorities, including Ofgem and the Financial Services Authority (FSA), where he gained first-hand insight into regulatory decision-making and enforcement processes.

- **Boots v NHS (2023-2024)**. Acts for Boots in a claim against the NHS, relating to payment for ophthalmic services provided during the first COVID-19 lockdown. The case raises difficult public law issues concerning the interpretation of NHS communications and guidance during the lockdown.
- **Castle Water Limited v Thames Water Utilities Limited [2020] EWHC 1374 (TCC)** – acted for Thames in this dispute arising out of Thames' sale of its non-household retail water business to Castle. Involved issues around the Water Industry Act 1991 and regulation by Ofwat. Named by The Lawyer as one of the top 20 cases of 2020.

- Acted for the producers of a major television show in resisting a potential decision by the Gambling Commission to revoke its licence and force it off the air. Successfully persuaded the Commission not to take such an action.
- **Camelot UK Lotteries Ltd v The Gambling Commission [2012] EWHC 2391 (Admin).** Appeared with Susanna FitzGerald KC for 51 Community Interest Companies (CICs) in resisting Camelot's application to review the Gambling Commission's decision to licence the Health Lottery. The case involved issues of regulatory discretion, statutory interpretation and delay in bringing claims for judicial review.
- Advised (with David Wolfson KC) the Financial Services Authority on potential actions to be taken against a high street bank and how the FSA should respond to challenges to its decisions.

Agency

Alexander is a leading practitioner on the law of agency, with extensive experience advising and representing both principals and agents in complex disputes. His expertise covers all aspects of agency law, including the formation, termination, and duties of agents, as well as disputes over commission, breaches of fiduciary duty, and restrictive covenants.

Alexander is also a leading practitioner on the Commercial Agents Regulations, having advised numerous principals and agents on every aspect of the Regulations. He has acted in some of the most significant cases in this area, including representing the successful defendant in the largest commercial agency claim ever brought (UNCITRAL arbitration). He also appeared for the successful defendant in ***Monk v Largo***, a key case defining the scope of the Regulations and the duties imposed on a principal, and for the successful defendant in the landmark decision of ***Kompaktwerk v LivePerson***, which clarified the application of the Regulations to computer software. His strategic approach and deep regulatory knowledge make him a go-to counsel in high-stakes agency disputes.

- **Kompaktwerk v LivePerson [2024] EWHC 2278 (Comm).** Acted for the Defendant in Commercial Court proceedings concerning whether the "software-as-a-service" (SaaS) model for computer software constitutes a sale of goods, and thus whether the Regulations could apply. Landmark decision in the Defendant's favour.
- **Xtellus v DL Invest [2025]** EWHC 1989 (Comm), five-day Commercial Court trial concerning a success fee. Case raised issues of foreign law, agency (actual and ostensible authority), contracting parties and ratification. Alexander appeared as leading counsel for the claimant and was successful on every issue, with the defendant being ordered to pay indemnity costs.
- **UNCITRAL arbitration (2019-2021),** acted for the successful respondent in a dispute between two of the world's largest alcoholic beverage producers, concerning the largest commercial agency claim ever brought. Alexander successfully argued that the Regulations did not apply, and so no compensation was payable.
  • Acting for several agents in an international commercial agency concerning the sale of wines across Europe.
- **LCIA Arbitration** (2018-2020), acted for the successful defendant in resisting a claim for breach of an agency contract. The proceedings involved several issues under the Regulations, as well as issues concerning implied terms and fiduciary duties.
- **Monk v Largo [2016] EWHC 1837 (Comm).** Appeared (leading Stephanie Wood) for the Defendant in a 5-day Commercial Court trial defending claims in breach of contract and under the Regulations. The claimants argued that the Defendant had to act in good faith in deciding whether to terminate the contract. In a significant ruling on the meaning and application of good faith in the commercial agency context, Foxton J held that the Defendant had an unfettered right to terminate and dismissed the claim.
- Advised (with Daniel Toledano QC) a major principal on the interpretation and application of the Commercial Agency Regulations to thousands of agency contracts and how best to limit their liability for claims thereunder.
- Acted for a property acquisitions agent in a claim for breach of contract against his principal following a high-profile property purchase in London for $160m. The claim involved issues related to implied terms, expert evidence on industry standard practices, contractual interpretation and quantum meruit.
- Acted for a factoring company in a claim for breach of contract against a supplier of goods. One of the key issues was whether the supplier was responsible for the actions of its agents in preventing performance of the contracts.

Arbitration

Alexander has extensive experience in international arbitration, acting as counsel in a broad range of high-value and complex disputes across multiple industries, including energy, construction, finance, and technology. He has

appeared in dozens of arbitrations under various institutional rules, including ICC, LCIA, UNCITRAL, ICDR, and SIAC, and has significant experience handling cases involving parallel court proceedings, enforcement issues, and emergency relief.

In addition to his advocacy in arbitration, Alexander has played a key role in shaping the jurisprudence surrounding arbitration law in England, having appeared in several of the most significant cases before the English courts concerning the operation of the Arbitration Act 1996, such as ***UniCredit v RusChemAlliance***, ***VTB v Antipinsky*** and ***Gerald v Timis***. His cases have addressed fundamental issues such as the scope of arbitral jurisdiction, the interplay between court powers and arbitrators' authority, and the enforcement of arbitral awards. This combination of deep arbitration expertise and court advocacy makes him a highly sought-after counsel for complex international disputes.

- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance [2025] AC 1177**, a landmark Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning Russian sanctions and the powers of the English Court to intervene in foreign arbitral proceedings. Alexander made oral submissions in the Supreme Court across two days on two novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the grant of anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, and the relationship between the Court and any prospective arbitral tribunal.
- **LCIA Arbitrations** (2023-), two parallel London-seated LCIA arbitrations, where Alexander acts as leading counsel. The proceedings concern the ownership and operation of a major African mine, and **raise** complex issues of law, including economic torts, bribery, equitable obligations in joint-venture arrangements, and trust principles.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2017-2024), acted for the claimant in highly complex claim concerning an alleged conspiracy to exclude the Claimants from the successful tender to run the mobile phone network of Iran. This case was politically sensitive and involved numerous difficult points of law, including fraud, oral agreements, jurisdiction, good faith, fiduciary duties, loss of a chance and limitation.
- **UNCITRAL arbitration** (2020-2022), acted for the defendant in a dispute between two of the world's largest alcoholic beverage producers, concerning the largest commercial agency claim ever brought. Alexander successfully argued that the Commercial Agents Regulations did not apply, and so no compensation was payable.
- **LCIA arbitration** (2024-), acting for the claimant and respondent in two related arbitral proceedings concerning the telecommunications industry in Ghana. The proceedings raise complex issues of law, including economic torts, bribery, equitable obligations in joint-venture arrangements, and trust principles.
- **Ad hoc arbitration** (2018-2020), acted for the successful defendants in ad hoc arbitral proceedings concerning the management and control of a substantial business. Involved difficult and unresolved points of company law and election law.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm)**, acted for the successful defendant in the second leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings. Phillips LJ held that the Court must be satisfied in each application that it is entitled to act, and cannot simply rely on a prior assertion of jurisdiction by an earlier Judge.
- **UNCITRAL arbitration**, acted for the claimant and respondent in parallel High Court and arbitration proceedings concerning the sale of train parts. Numerous causes of action pursued, including a multi-million fraud.
- **SIAC Rules** (2017-2019), acted for the claimant in arbitration proceedings concerning the purchase of a property in Singapore.
- **Gerald v Timis** [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch), acted for the successful defendant in the first leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings. Confirmed that the Court's powers under s.44 are engaged only where the arbitral tribunal is "unable" to act.
- **Biotec v Siemens** [2015] EWHC 3555 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in defending wide-ranging fraud and conspiracy claims relating to the sale of medical devices in Serbia. The claimant subsequently sought to set aside the Award under s.68 Arbitration Act; Alexander successfully resisted that application and secured an indemnity costs order in Siemens' favour.

Banking and Financial Services

Alexander has extensive experience acting in complex banking and financial services disputes, both in litigation

and arbitration. His work spans claims involving syndicated lending, trade finance, derivatives, guarantees, mis-selling, regulatory compliance, and fraud. He regularly advises and represents banks, financial institutions, funds, and corporates in high-stakes matters, including disputes arising out of cross-border transactions and structured finance arrangements. His experience includes major banking disputes such as ***Fortress Value v Blue Skye*** and ***Tsareva v Ananyev***. His deep sector knowledge, combined with his strategic litigation skills, make him a go-to counsel for complex financial disputes.

- **Xenfin v GFG [2026] EWHC 2158 (Ch);** [2025] EWHC 172 (Ch), acting for the claimant in pursuing complex claims arising out of the collapse of the Dolphin Group, involving serious allegations of fraud and conspiracy. The case involves difficult issues relating to directors' duties, attribution of knowledge, limitation, and jurisdiction.
- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance** [2025] AC 1177, a landmark Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning a major bank, Russian sanctions and cross-border finance issues. Alexander made oral submissions in the Supreme Court across two days on two novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the grant of anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, and the relationship between the Court and any prospective arbitral tribunal.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in this leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings.
- Advising a major retail bank in relation to a potential fraud claim against it (2023-2024), which ultimately led to a successful settlement.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in complex fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth in excess of $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10.
- Advised (with David Wolfson KC) the Financial Conduct Authority on potential actions to be taken against a high street bank and how the FCA should respond to challenges to its decisions.
- **Fortress Value v Blue Skye** [2013] EWHC 14 (Comm), appeared (with Craig Orr KC) for D4 and Part 20 Claimant (Stepstone) in a €200 million fraud claim relating to the control of Italian assets. The case involved numerous complex issues of fact and law, including those relating to jurisdiction, applicable law, corporate restructuring, assignment and economic torts, plus several issues of Luxembourg law. A 10-week trial was listed for May 2014 and was named one of the top 20 cases of 2014, but the case settled shortly before the trial was due to commence.

Civil Fraud and Investigations

Alexander is recognized as a leading barrister in civil fraud, with an extensive track record of success in high-profile, high-value international fraud cases. His practice spans complex, multi-jurisdictional disputes, including claims involving deceit, conspiracy, asset recovery, and emergency injunctive relief, such as worldwide freezing orders and anti-suit injunctions.

Regularly instructed in some of the most significant fraud litigation before the English courts and in arbitration, Alexander is known for his razor-sharp advocacy, meticulous strategic approach, and exceptional cross-examination skills. His experience includes acting in multi-billion-pound disputes, allegations of fraudulent misrepresentation, breaches of trust and fiduciary duty, and asset-tracing actions spanning multiple jurisdictions.

Alexander also frequently advises clients on fraud investigations, forensic asset-tracing strategies, and recovery actions across multiple jurisdictions, often working alongside forensic accountants and investigators. His ability to navigate intricate corporate structures, offshore entities, and sophisticated fraud schemes makes him a go-to advocate for claimants and defendants facing high-stakes fraud litigation.

- **Bourlakova v Bourlakov,** acting for the Claimants in a high-profile $3 billion fraud claim in relation to an alleged conspiracy to defraud Mrs Bourlakova of a share of family assets. 12-week trial listed to take place in 2027.
- **Xenfin v GFG [2026] EWHC 2158 (Ch);** [2025] EWHC 172 (Ch), acting for the claimant in pursuing complex claims arising out of the collapse of the Dolphin Group, involving serious allegations of fraud and conspiracy. The case involves difficult issues relating to directors' duties, attribution of knowledge, limitation, and jurisdiction.
- **ICC Arbitration (2017-2024),** acted for the claimant in highly complex claim concerning an alleged

conspiracy to exclude the Claimants from the successful tender to run the mobile phone network of Iran. This case was politically sensitive and involved numerous difficult points of law, including fraud, oral agreements, jurisdiction, good faith, fiduciary duties, loss of a chance and limitation.

- **Rajeh v Project 1 Auto** [2024] EWHC 1010 (KB), acting for the Claimant in a fraud and conspiracy case concerning the new Mercedes Hypercar, involving difficult issues of trust law and proprietary claims.
- **Holliday v Holliday**, acted for the Defendants in a complex derivative action relating to the ownership and control of a multinational, multi-million pound business. The case concerned whether the First Defendant had fraudulently abused his position as a director of the company to make a secret profit.
- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch), acted for the Claimants in very high-profile committal proceedings against a former partner of Jones Day, relating to his deliberate interference with a search order. The proceedings were successful and resulted in an unprecedented criminal conviction against the solicitor for intentional interference with the administration of justice.
- **LPCM v Uktan** (2020-2021), acted for the claimant in exceptionally complex fraud claim worth in excess of $60 million. Obtained a freezing order, search order, and a passport seizure order from Foxton J, which was upheld at subsequent hearings by Bryan J and Andrew Baker J.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in resisting a $225 million freezing order relating to the delivery of oil and accusations of fraud.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in complex fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth in excess of $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.
- **Fortress Value v Blue Skye** [2013] EWHC 14 (Comm), appeared (with Craig Orr KC) for D4 and Part 20 Claimant (Stepstone) in a €200 million fraud claim relating to the control of Italian assets. The case involved numerous complex issues of fact and law, including those relating to jurisdiction, applicable law, corporate restructuring, assignment and economic torts, plus several issues of Luxembourg law. A 10-week trial was listed for May 2014 and was named one of the top 20 cases of 2014, but the case settled shortly before the trial was due to commence.

Company and Insolvency

Alexander has vast expertise in company and insolvency law, with a strong track record of acting in complex, high-value disputes involving shareholder rights, director duties, corporate governance, authority issues, insolvency, and corporate restructuring. He regularly appears in heavyweight litigation and arbitration concerning unfair prejudice, derivative claims, breach of directors' duties, and cross-border disputes involving convoluted company structures.

Recent highlights include acting for the claimant in ***Xtellus v DL Invest*** in a Commercial Court trial concerning corporate authority and governance; acting for the claimant in ***Xenfin v GFG*** in major litigation arising from the collapse and insolvency of the Dolphin Group; and in multi-million pound unfair prejudice proceedings concerning a leading medical company. Alexander also has significant experience in cases involving allegations of breach of directors' duties (***Cusack v Holdsworth***), shareholder disputes over asset control (***Gerald v Timis***), and cross-border corporate restructuring and insolvency issues (***Fortress Value v Blue Skye***). Alexander also has substantial experience in seeking urgent interim relief (see Injunctions section), which are often necessary in company law disputes.

- **Xtellus v DL Invest** [2025] EWHC 1989 (Comm), five-day Commercial Court trial concerning a success fee. Case raised issues of foreign law, agency (actual and ostensible authority), contracting parties and ratification, which involved careful consideration of the corporate governance and internal decision making of the defendant. Alexander appeared as leading counsel for the claimant and was successful on every issue, with the defendant being ordered to pay indemnity costs.
- **Xenfin v GFG [2026] EWHC 2158 (Ch); [2025] EWHC 172 (Ch)**, acting for the claimant in pursuing complex claims arising out of the collapse and insolvency of the Dolphin Group, involving serious allegations of fraud and conspiracy. Part of the claim is governed by Guernsey law. The case involves difficult issues relating to directors' duties, attribution of knowledge, limitation, and jurisdiction. Alexander successfully resisted a jurisdiction challenge by the Defendants in 2025.

- Acted for the claimant in pursuing multi-million pound unfair prejudice proceedings under the Companies Act 2006 in relation to a medical company, involving complex questions of reflective loss and the application of the rule in Johnson v Gore Wood [2002] 2 AC 1. Case settled on favourable terms for Alexander's client prior to trial.
- **Holliday v Holliday** (2023-2024) acted for the Defendants in a multifacted derivative action relating to the ownership and control of a multinational, multi-million pound business. The case concerned whether the First Defendant had fraudulently abused his position as a director of the company to make a secret profit.
- **Rajeh v Project 1 Auto** [2024] EWHC 1010 (KB), acting for the Claimant in a fraud and conspiracy case concerning the new Mercedes Hypercar, involving complex trust law and fiduciary issues within a company structure, including proprietary claims against corporate assets.
- **Castle Water Limited v Thames Water Utilities Limited** [2020] EWHC 1374 (TCC) – acted for Thames in this dispute arising out of Thames' sale of its non-household retail water business to Castle. Involved issues of company law, corporate transactions, and regulatory obligations under the Water Industry Act 1991. Named by The Lawyer as one of the top 20 cases of 2020.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in resisting a $225 million freezing order relating to the delivery of oil and accusations of fraud.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in complex fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth over $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. One of the central issues related to the corporate structure and its relevance to the underlying alleged fraud. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.
- **Cusack v Holdsworth** [2016] EWHC 3084 (Ch), acted for the claimant in pursuing unfair prejudice proceedings under the Companies Act 2006, breach of directors' duties and corporate governance failures. Liability established following a 5-day High Court trial, and case then settled.
- **Gerald v Timis** [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch), acted for the successful defendant in a case relating to an African mine. Involved shareholder rights and company law points. This is a leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings.
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Commercial Litigation

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- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance**[2025] AC 1177, a landmark Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning Russian sanctions and the powers of the English Court to intervene in foreign arbitral proceedings. Alexander made oral submissions in the Supreme Court across two days on two novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the grant of anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, and the relationship between the Court and any prospective arbitral tribunal.
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- **UNCITRAL arbitration** (2020-2022), acted for the successful defendant in a dispute between two of the world's largest alcoholic beverage producers, concerning the largest commercial agency claim ever brought, together with other contract claims. Alexander successfully argued that the Commercial Agents Regulations did not apply, and so no compensation was payable.
- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch), acted for the Claimants in very high-profile committal proceedings against a former partner of Jones Day, relating to his deliberate interference with a search order. The proceedings were successful and resulted in an unprecedented criminal conviction against the solicitor for intentional interference with the administration of justice.
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- **Monk v Largo** [2016] EWHC 1837 (Comm), acted for the successful Defendant in a 5-day Commercial Court trial. Foxton J dismissed the Claimant's claim that the Defendant had to act in good faith in deciding whether to terminate the contract.

Contempt of Court

Alexander has extensive experience in contempt of court proceedings, acting in some of the most high-profile and legally significant contempt cases of recent years. His work spans contempt arising from breaches of court orders, interference with the administration of justice, and disobedience of injunctions, including search orders and freezing orders. Alexander is known for his strategic advice at every stage — from urgent applications through to trial — and for his ability to navigate the complex interplay between civil and quasi-criminal law that contempt cases often involve.

Recent highlights include acting for the Claimants in the leading case of ***Ocado v McKeeve***, where he successfully obtained the criminal conviction of a former partner at a major City law firm for deliberate interference with a search order, and acting in multiple cases involving breaches of freezing and proprietary injunctions. His depth of experience, strategic judgment, and meticulous attention to detail ensure effective representation in urgent, high-stakes contempt proceedings.

- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch), acted for the Claimants in very high-profile committal proceedings against a former partner of Jones Day, relating to his deliberate interference with a search order. The proceedings were successful and resulted in an unprecedented criminal conviction against the solicitor for intentional interference with the administration of justice. This is now the leading case on criminal contempt.

- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2478 (Ch) – the sentencing judgment for Mr McKeeve, following his conviction for criminal contempt and a 2-day sentencing hearing. This is now a leading case on sentencing for criminal contempt and the factors that should be taken into consideration.
- Advised a client facing a threatened committal application for breach of a freezing injunction. Alexander's advice ensured that the matter could be resolved without contempt proceedings being issued.
- **Advised a client facing a contempt proceeding for allegedly giving false evidence in a witness statement and in oral evidence at trial.**
- Advised a client on bringing contempt proceedings arising out a false statement in a statement of case in a high-profile commercial dispute.
- **LPCM v Uktan** (2020-2021), acted for the claimant in exceptionally complex fraud claim worth in excess of $60 million. Obtained a freezing order, search order, and a passport seizure order from Foxton J, which was upheld at subsequent hearings by Bryan J and Andrew Baker J. Alexander advised on several potential contempt applications, which ultimately resulted in compliance with the orders made.
- **Johnson v Basha** (2016-2019), acted for the claimant in obtaining a freezing order, search order and an order for seizure of the defendant's passport. Mr Justice Jay granted the exceptional order given the real risk that the defendant would flee the jurisdiction.

Economic Torts

Alexander has extensive experience acting in complex, high-value disputes involving economic torts, including conspiracy, inducing breach of contract, and unlawful means claims. Recent examples include ***Bourlakova v Bourlakov***, ***VTB v Antipinsky***, ***Tsareva v Ananyev***, ***FSDEA v dos Santos***, and ***Fortress Value v Blue Skye***. Alexander has extensive experience handling the complex factual investigations, jurisdictional battles, and strategic challenges that economic tort claims often generate, particularly in high-value international disputes.

- **Bourlakova v Bourlakov**, acting for the Claimants in a high-profile $3 billion fraud claim in relation to an alleged conspiracy to defraud Mrs Bourlakova of a share of family assets. 12-week trial listed to take place in 2027.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2017-2024), acted for the claimant in a highly complex claim concerning an alleged conspiracy to exclude the Claimants from the successful tender to run the mobile phone network of Iran. This case was politically sensitive and involved numerous difficult points of law, including fraud, oral agreements, jurisdiction, good faith, fiduciary duties, loss of a chance and limitation.
- **Rajeh v Project 1 Auto** [2024] EWHC 1010 (KB), acting for the Claimant in a fraud and conspiracy case concerning the new Mercedes Hypercar, involving difficult issues of trust law and proprietary claims.
- **LPCM v Uktan** (2020-2021), acted for the claimant in exceptionally complex fraud claim worth over $60 million. Obtained a freezing order, search order, and a passport seizure order from Foxton J, which was upheld at subsequent hearings by Bryan J and Andrew Baker J.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in resisting a $225 million freezing order relating to the delivery of oil and accusations of fraud and conspiracy.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth over $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.
- **Fortress Value v Blue Skye** [2013] EWHC 14 (Comm), appeared (with Craig Orr KC) for D4 and Part 20 Claimant (Stepstone) in a €200 million fraud claim relating to the control of Italian assets. The case involved numerous complex issues of fact and law, including those relating to jurisdiction, applicable law, corporate restructuring, assignment and economic torts, plus several issues of Luxembourg law. A 10-week trial was listed for May 2014 and was named one of the top 20 cases of 2014, but the case settled shortly before the trial was due to commence.

Energy and Natural Resources

Alexander has substantial experience in disputes arising from the energy and natural resources sectors, acting in complex, high-value litigation and arbitration involving oil, gas, and mining assets. His work spans cases concerning operational disputes, regulatory issues, sanctions, and fraud in the context of major energy and resource projects across multiple jurisdictions. Notable cases include ***VTB v Antipinsky***, resisting a $225 million mandatory injunction for specific performance relating to the delivery of oil, ***FSDEA v dos Santos***, concerning control of Angola's sovereign wealth fund and investments in natural resources; and ***Gerald v Timis***, addressing disputes over mining assets in Africa. His ability to navigate the intersection of commercial, regulatory, and geopolitical issues makes him particularly well-suited to disputes in the energy and natural resources industries.

- **LCIA Arbitrations** (2023-), two parallel London-seated LCIA arbitrations, where Alexander acts as leading counsel. The proceedings concern the ownership and operation of a major African mine, and **raise** complex issues of law, including economic torts, bribery, equitable obligations in joint-venture arrangements, and trust principles.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in relation to the delivery of oil, and whether a mandatory injunction for specific performance could be ordered. This is a leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund and its mining interests. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.
- **Gerald v Timis** [2016] EWHC 2327 (Ch), acted for the successful defendant in a case relating to an African mine. This is a leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings.
- Acted (with Ian Glick KC) for the National Gas corporation of a South American nation against a major energy company in breach of contract claims seeking damages in excess of $200m.
- Secondment at Ofgem (2010-2011), the energy regulator. Advised on issues relating to Renewable Obligation Certificates, the implementation of the EU's 'Third Package' legislation and the tender process for offshore wind farms. Gained valuable insight into Ofgem's operations and the legal issues raised by complex energy deals.

Information Technology

Alexander has substantial experience of disputes at the intersection of technology and commercial law, acting in litigation and arbitration concerning artificial intelligence, software and cloud services, telecommunications, advanced manufacturing and medical technology. His broader practice extends to digital assets, including cryptocurrency. He is regularly instructed in cases where the technology itself is at the heart of the dispute, and which require complex technical subject matter to be mastered quickly and deployed persuasively, often alongside extensive expert evidence.

Alexander appears as leading counsel in **SFC v Ori**, the first major English case to consider the technological and contractual standards applicable to AI systems, and appeared as sole counsel in **Kompaktwerk v LivePerson**, the landmark decision on whether software-as-a-service constitutes a sale of goods. He acted for Ocado, one of the UK's leading technology businesses, in the unprecedented **Ocado v McKeeve** contempt proceedings arising from the destruction of electronic evidence, and has significant arbitration experience in the telecommunications and advanced-manufacturing sectors. Beyond his casework, Alexander sits on One Essex Court's AI Taskforce and regularly delivers training to barristers and solicitors on the implications of generative AI for legal practice. This combination of frontier casework and practical engagement with new technologies makes him a go-to counsel for high-stakes technology disputes.

- **SFC v Ori** (2025-present). Appearing as leading counsel for the defendant and counterclaimant in the first major English case to consider the technological and contractual standards applicable to AI systems. The dispute concerns the supply and performance of GPU clusters for AI workloads: the claimant alleges that it was fraudulently induced to contract and that the AI service was non-compliant, and Alexander's client counterclaims on the basis that the claimant wrongfully refused to accept delivery of the AI service. Claims and counterclaims total approximately US $30 million, with expert evidence on both sides. Four-week trial listed in the Technology and Construction Court for March 2028.

- **Kompaktwerk v LivePerson [2025] Bus LR 474.** Appeared as sole counsel for the successful defendant in this landmark Commercial Court decision on whether the "software-as-a-service" (SaaS) model for computer software constitutes a sale of goods. The judgment engages with licensing versus services, delivery and control of software, transfer of title, and the boundary between goods and services in digital markets, with significant implications for dispute resolution clauses in technology contracts.
- **Ocado v McKeeve [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch).** Acted for Ocado, one of the UK's leading technology businesses, in high-profile and unprecedented contempt proceedings against a solicitor arising from the deliberate destruction of electronic evidence in response to a search order, in underlying litigation concerning the alleged misuse of Ocado's confidential information. Alexander appeared for the successful claimant and secured a criminal conviction. He also acted for Ocado in **Ocado v Zelazney**, obtaining one of the only search orders granted during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- **LCIA arbitrations (2024-2025).** Leading counsel for a US party in two related London-seated arbitrations concerning the telecommunications industry in Ghana. The disputes raised issues of foreign law and domestic telecoms regulation, and required submissions to the Ghanaian telecommunications regulator to establish the tribunal's jurisdiction over the dispute, with extensive coordination with local Ghanaian counsel.
- **ICC arbitration (2017-2024).** Acted for the claimants in a highly complex, politically sensitive US $1 billion claim arising from an alleged conspiracy to exclude the claimants from the successful tender to operate Iran's national mobile telephone network. The case involved numerous difficult points of law, including fraud, oral agreements, jurisdiction, good faith, fiduciary duties, loss of a chance and limitation.
- **LCIA arbitration (2025-present).** Acting for the respondent and counterclaimant in a dispute arising from the design and construction of automated manufacturing facilities for a major automotive manufacturer. The case raises complex engineering issues of project delay, safety and supply-chain disruption across multiple European sites, together with questions of contractual construction, liquidated damages and penalty clauses; the combined claims total approximately €20 million.
- **Renewable energy technology**. Advising a leading wind-turbine manufacturer in a substantial dispute concerning responsibility for complex offshore construction and engineering works at a major European port, raising difficult questions of contractual interpretation, rectification and the scope of the engineer's powers to issue binding instructions.
- **Biotec v Siemens [2015] EWHC 3555 (Comm).** Acted for the successful respondent in arbitral proceedings concerning wide-ranging fraud and conspiracy claims relating to the sale of medical devices in Serbia, and successfully resisted the subsequent application to set aside the award under s.68 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws

Alexander's practice primarily involves heavyweight international commercial disputes, particularly those involving complex jurisdictional issues, conflict of laws, and the interplay between court proceedings and arbitration. Alexander has a deep understanding of both private international law and arbitral frameworks, and is frequently instructed in cases where the governing law, forum, or tribunal is itself contested, and where the resolution of those questions will determine the trajectory of the entire dispute.

- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance** [2025] AC 1177, a landmark Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning Russian sanctions, the powers of the English Court to intervene in foreign arbitral proceedings, and the governing law of arbitration agreements. Alexander made oral submissions in the Supreme Court across two days on two novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the grant of anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, and the relationship between the Court and any prospective arbitral tribunal.
- **Xenfin v GFG [2026] EWHC 2158 (Ch)**; [2025] EWHC 172 (Ch), acting for the claimant in pursuing complex claims arising out of the collapse of the Dolphin Group, involving serious allegations of fraud and conspiracy. Part of the claim is governed by Guernsey law. The case involves difficult issues relating to directors' duties, attribution of knowledge, limitation, and jurisdiction. Alexander successfully resisted a jurisdiction challenge by the Defendants in 2025.
- **Xtellus v DL Invest [2025]** EWHC 1989 (Comm), five-day Commercial Court trial concerning a success fee. One of the issues was whether English or Polish law applied to various points, including agency (actual and ostensible authority), contracting parties and ratification. Alexander appeared as leading counsel for the claimant and was successful on every issue, with the defendant being ordered to pay indemnity costs.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2017-2024), acted for the claimant in highly complex claim concerning an alleged conspiracy to exclude the Claimants from the successful tender to run the mobile phone network of Iran. One of the key issues was the interaction of Iranian and English law.

- **LCIA arbitration** (2024-), acting for the claimant and respondent in two related arbitral proceedings concerning the telecommunications industry in Ghana. Alexander had to make submissions to the relevant Ghanaian regulator in order to establish that the LCIA arbitral tribunal could exercise its jurisdiction over the dispute.
- **VTB Commodities Trading v Antipinsky Refinery** [2020] EWHC 72 (Comm), acted for the successful defendant in the second leading case on the application of s.44 Arbitration Act 1996, and the circumstances in which the English Court can intervene in arbitral proceedings. Phillips LJ held that the Court must be satisfied in each application that it is entitled to act, and cannot simply rely on a prior assertion of jurisdiction by an earlier Judge.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in complex fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth in excess of $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10.

Professional Liability

Alexander has extensive experience acting in professional liability disputes involving solicitors, directors, and investment managers, often arising out of allegations of fraud, breach of duty, or serious misconduct. He is regularly instructed in complex, high-value cases where the professional conduct of individuals is central to the dispute. Recent work includes ***Ocado v McKeeve***, successfully obtaining the unprecedented conviction of a former solicitor for interference with a search order; ***Xenfin v GFG***, involving claims against directors following the collapse of a major corporate group; and ***LPCM v Uktan***, pursuing fraud and breach of duty claims against an investment manager in a $60 million dispute. Alexander's strategic approach and cross-disciplinary expertise make him a sought-after counsel in heavyweight professional liability cases.

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- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch), acted for the Claimants in very high-profile committal proceedings against a former partner of Jones Day, relating to his deliberate interference with a search order. The proceedings were successful and resulted in an unprecedented criminal conviction against the solicitor for intentional interference with the administration of justice.
- **Holliday v Holliday**, acted for the Defendants in a complex derivative action relating to the ownership and control of a multinational, multi-million pound business. The case concerned whether the First Defendant had fraudulently abused his position as a director of the company to make a secret profit.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.
- **LPCM v Uktan** (2020-2021), acted for the claimant in exceptionally complex fraud claim worth in excess of $60 million against the investment manager. Obtained a freezing order, search order, and a passport seizure order from Foxton J, which was upheld at subsequent hearings by Bryan J and Andrew Baker J.
- **Johnson v Basha** (2016-2019), acted for the claimant in obtaining a freezing order, search order and a passport order against the defendant investment manager. Mr Justice Jay granted the exceptional order given the real risk that the defendant would flee the jurisdiction.
- **ICC Arbitration** (2017), acted for the claimant in bringing claims in professional negligence and breach of contract against a major Russian investment management firm.

Injunctions

Alexander has vast experience of commercial injunctions of all forms, including freezing injunctions, search orders and anti-suit injunctions. He recently appeared in the Supreme Court in ***UniCredit v RCA***, which is now the leading case on the power of the English Court to grant anti-suit injunctions. He appeared in the unprecedented ***Ocado v McKeeve*** matter, where he successfully obtained the conviction of a senior solicitor for breaching a search order. He obtained one of the only search orders during the COVID-19 lockdown in ***Ocado v Zelazney***. He also appeared in one of the leading cases on the duty of full and frank disclosure (***FSDEA v dos Santos***), and in several important cases on the precise requirements that must be met in order to obtain a freezing injunction (including ***Tsareva v Ananyev***).

- **UniCredit v RusChemAlliance** [2025] AC 1177, a landmark Supreme Court case worth €2 billion concerning Russian sanctions and the powers of the English Court to intervene in foreign arbitral proceedings. Alexander made oral submissions in the Supreme Court across two days on two novel points of law. This is now the leading case on the grant of anti-suit and anti-arbitration injunctions, and the relationship between the Court and any prospective arbitral tribunal.
- **Rajeh v Project 1 Auto** [2024] EWHC 1010 (KBD), acting for the Claimant in a fraud and conspiracy case concerning the new Mercedes Hypercar, involving difficult issues of trust law. Alexander sought a proprietary injunction based on the imposition of a Quistclose trust.
- **Ocado v McKeeve** [2022] EWHC 2079 (Ch), acted for the Claimants in very high-profile committal proceedings against a former partner of Jones Day, relating to his deliberate interference with a search order. The proceedings were successful and resulted in an unprecedented criminal conviction against the solicitor for intentional interference with the administration of justice.
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- **Ocado v Zelazney**, acted for the claimant in obtaining a search order during the COVID-19 lockdown. Alexander drafted a COVID-19 protocol which sought to ensure that the search could go ahead in accordance with UK government guidance on social distancing. The Court made the order and specifically approved the COVID-19 protocol as a pragmatic and carefully considered document.
- **Tsareva v Ananyev** [2019] EWHC 2414 (Comm), acted for D10 in complex fraud and conspiracy proceedings worth in excess of $300 million, arising out of the collapse of a Russian bank. Alexander appeared as sole counsel for D10 and persuaded Andrew Baker J that there was no arguable case against D10, and that there was, in any event, no real risk of dissipation.
- **Johnson v Basha** (2016-2019), acted for the claimant in obtaining an freezing order, search order and a order for seizure of the defendant's passport. Mr Justice Jay granted the exceptional order given the real risk that the defendant would flee the jurisdiction.
- **FSDEA v dos Santos** [2018] EWHC 2199 (Comm), acted for D2 in successfully discharging a $3 billion WFO which had been obtained on the basis of an alleged fraudulent conspiracy between the Defendants to take control of the Angolan sovereign wealth fund. Popplewell J set aside the injunction for breaches of the Claimants' duty of full and frank disclosure.

Trusts

Alexander has substantial experience acting in complex disputes involving trusts, fiduciary relationships, and equitable remedies. His practice spans high-value fraud claims, commercial trust disputes, and cases involving the imposition of constructive and resulting trusts. He regularly advises on issues of breach of trust, tracing, proprietary claims, and trust-based remedies in both litigation and arbitration contexts.

Recent highlights include acting for the Claimants in ***Bourlakova v Bourlakov***, a $3 billion fraud claim involving numerous trust and equity issues listed for a 12-week trial in 2027; acting for the Claimant in ***Rajeh v Project 1 Auto***, a multifaceted fraud and conspiracy case involving proprietary claims and Quistclose trust issues; and acting for the claimant in ***LPCM v Uktan***, a $60 million fraud claim against a trust manager involving difficult questions of equitable tracing.

- **Bourlakova v Bourlakov**, acting for the Claimants in a high-profile $3 billion fraud claim in relation to an alleged conspiracy to defraud Mrs Bourlakova of a share of family assets. Numerous trust and equity issues involved. 12-week trial listed to take place in 2027.
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- **ICC Arbitration** (2017-2024), acted for the claimant in a highly complex claim concerning an alleged conspiracy to exclude the Claimants from the successful tender to run the mobile phone network of Iran. Claim included allegations of a fiduciary relationship and the imposition of a trust.
- Acted for a Luxembourg investment vehicle (2021-2022) in defending a claim concerning an English-law trust

and the financing of London properties.

- **UNCITRAL arbitration** (2021-2022) acted for the claimant and respondent in parallel High Court and arbitration proceedings concerning the sale of train parts. Numerous causes of action pursued, including a trust relationship.
- **LPCM v Uktan (2020-2021)**, acted for the claimant in exceptionally complex fraud claim worth over $60 million against a trust manager. Involved difficult questions relating to the equitable principles of tracing.
- **SIAC Rules** (2017-2019), acted for the claimant in arbitration proceedings concerning the purchase of a property in Singapore subject to a trust.
- **Fortress Value v Blue Skye** [2013] EWHC 14 (Comm), appeared (with Craig Orr KC) for D4 and Part 20 Claimant (Stepstone) in a €200 million fraud claim relating to the control of Italian assets. The case involved numerous difficult issues of fact and law, including those relating to jurisdiction, trusts, applicable law, corporate restructuring, assignment and economic torts, plus several issues of Luxembourg law. A 10-week trial was listed for May 2014 and was named one of the top 20 cases of 2014, but the case settled shortly before the trial was due to commence.

What the Directories Say

"Alex provides very good advocacy. He is good on his feet and a persuasive advocate." (Chambers UK Bar 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Alex is client-centred and great with knotty issues." (Chambers UK Bar 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"He is able to get to grips with the case quickly and provide clear advice, enabling the client to select which points should be taken or abandoned." (Chambers UK Bar 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Really responsive and someone who gives really clear advice that goes straight to the heart of the matter." (Chambers UK Bar 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Alex clearly takes a methodical and detailed approach to his cases and identifies every available point." (Chambers UK Bar 2027, Commercial Dispute Resolution)

"Top of the market, extremely responsive and bright. Also, an absolute delight to work with." (Legal 500 2027, Banking and finance (including consumer credit))

"Alex is incredibly responsive and gives clear and reasoned commercial advice, even when that is a matter of personal judgment or opinion. With that, his judgment is exceptionally good." (Legal 500 2027, Commercial Litigation)

"Alex is the model of courtesy and cooperation outside the hearing room, and tenacious and quick-thinking inside it. An excellent cross-examiner and a highly persuasive advocate who can simplify the most bafflingly complicated case." (Legal 500 2027, International Arbitration: Counsel)

"Alexander is an exceptionally sharp and effective advocate. He has a remarkable ability to cut through complexity and focus on the core issues, which makes his advocacy particularly compelling." (Legal 500 2026, Civil Fraud)

"Alex is an exceptional strategic adviser and advocate. He is highly responsive, clear and pragmatic. He is a pleasure to work with and integrates seamlessly into a team structure." (Legal 500 2026, Commercial Litigation)

"He is thoughtful and responsive." (Legal 500 2026, International Arbitration: Counsel)

"He is extremely conscientious and responsive." (Legal 500 2025, Civil Fraud)

"Extremely responsive, and is seemingly always on hand to offer advice, and support. His advice is clear and user-friendly, together with being thorough and authoritative." (Legal 500 2024, Civil Fraud)

"just a great guy to work with. He has it all, adding a great legal brain to a superb client friendly way of dealing and presenting information. Top marks" (Legal 500 2023, Civil Fraud)

"A very diligent and hard working barrister who has a growing reputation in civil fraud" and *"an excellent team player and has a great eye for detail, his oral advocacy is superb and he can pick open an argument with ease."* (Legal 500 2022, Civil Fraud)

Academic Achievements

- Levitt Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn [2009]
- Buchanan Prize, Lincoln's Inn [2009]
- Lord Denning Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn [2008 - 2009]
- Hardwicke Entrance Award, Lincoln's Inn [2008]
- Full Scholarship, University of Warwick [2003 - 2006]

Professional Appointments

- Fraud Lawyers Association, Executive Committee
- Bar Council, Law Reform Committee
- Bar Council, International Committee
- Bar Council, International Trade Working Group
- Bar Council, Education and Training Committee
- Ministry of Justice Legal Education Task and Finish Group
- Inns of Court College of Advocacy, Visiting Lecturer
- Pro Bono Champion, One Essex Court
- Lincoln's Inn, Accredited Advocacy Tutor

Education

- BPP Law School: BVC (Outstanding) [2008 - 2009]
- BPP Law School: CPE/GDL (Distinction) [2007 - 2008]
- University of Warwick: BA (Hons) Philosophy and Politics (First, Top in Year) [2003 - 2006]

Awards

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