

Alfred Weiss

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Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (2012)

Memberships

- North Eastern Circuit
- Employment Lawyers Association
- Northern Circuit Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association.

Education

- Churchill College, Cambridge
– BA History (First Class, 2003)
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– Mphil History (2004)
- Graduate Diploma in Law
– The College of Law (Distinction, 2005)
- Bar Vocational Course – The College of Law (Very Competent, 2006)
- Lord Denning Scholar, Lincoln's Inn

Commercial CV

Overview

Alfie is an experienced commercial Junior who has built an enviable practice. He is a sought after advocate for both litigation and arbitration work. Alfie is comfortable acting as sole Counsel in substantial multi-million pound claims, but is also experienced at operating in conjunction with leading counsel and/or co-counsel. He has experience of claims of the largest magnitude, having last year been instructed to work on the commercial elements of *Municipio de Mariana v BHP Group Holding Plc*, a piece of large-scale international litigation in the Technology and Construction Court. This year he is instructed (in conjunction with Leading Counsel) in a very substantial shareholder dispute listed for a 4-week trial.

Alfie's commercial practice extends to:

- Restrictive covenants, confidentiality, fiduciary duties, database rights
- Shareholder disputes
- Partnership disputes
- Commercial contract disputes
- Commercial torts
- Franchise disputes
- Company law
- Breach of Warranty claims
- Commercial Agents
- Professional negligence particularly involving solicitors, counsel, accountants, architects, engineers, surveyors, financial advisors
- Consumer law
- Corporate and personal insolvency litigation
- Injunctive relief

Alfie has gained a reputation for his sharp intellect and commercially-focussed, client friendly approach. He is a bi-lingual English-Spanish speaker and this has assisted him in cases where he has been able to consider Spanish language documentation and liaise directly with Spanish-speaking foreign lawyers without the need for an interpreter.

His expertise in Employment, Insolvency, Data Breach and Privacy, and Judicial Review gives him a broad perspective on Commercial disputes and enables him to approach them from various angles. High Court claims involving an employment angle, shareholder disputes, and partnership disputes, are mainstays of Alfie's practice.

Recommendations

"He is very friendly and approachable and is excellent with clients. He is an incredibly skilled advocate who can make his point succinctly but forcefully." "His written opinions are superb and he is a very capable legal mind with very good subject knowledge."

Chambers and Partners 2020

"Concise, intelligent and good at cross-examination. He is also able to strike a rapport with clients and explain principles and processes in a straightforward, non-legalistic manner." "His cross-examination is excellent and he is also very reassuring with clients."

Chambers and Partners 2019

"Very good in front of clients and in court." "Can turn around even the most unlikely of cases."

The Legal 500, 2020

"He has an excellent bedside manner with clients." "He has amazing attention to detail."

The Legal 500, 2018/19

"A highly knowledgeable barrister with a strong courtroom presence."

The Legal 500, 2017

Cases

Recent cases include:

Represented member of partnership concerned in the import of cars in two-day trial of issues concerning the dissolution of the partnership.

Drafted defence to claim under a guarantee for payment of a six-figure debt, on the basis of duress to the person. Represented the defendant at a subsequent mediation.

AM Carpets Ltd – two-day application for relief from forfeiture. Successfully defeated claim that commercial lease was a sham and obtained dismissal of application for relief from forfeiture

Município de Mariana v BHP Group Holding Plc – travelled to Brazil for 3 weeks to meet business clients and draft schedules of commercial losses.

Advising and drafting particulars of claim for claim for breach of restrictive covenants in contract of employment of a recruitment consultant, procurement of breach of contract by the new employer, and misuse of confidential information

Advising on various claims for breaches of warranty in Share Purchase Agreements.

Advisory and drafting work in connection with high value unfair prejudice petition that settled at mediation. Case involved issues of Company and Employment law.

Drafting statement of case seeking rectification of a commercial contract in the field of property development.

Advocacy at Arbitration under LCIA rules, in dispute concerning members of an LLP.

Advocacy on an application for a worldwide freezing order in respect of client monies allegedly transferred out of the jurisdiction in breach of trust.

Advice, drafting and advocacy on an application for a proprietary estoppel injunction to prevent sale of a commercial property in which the applicant claimed an equitable interest.

Advisory and drafting work (ongoing) in claim for commission due pursuant to Agency Agreement operating in telecoms industry. Estimated value of claim £5,000,000. Instructed as sole Counsel.

Acting for Claimant in claim for professional negligence against conveyancing solicitors whose negligence resulted in creation of a ransom strip.

Drafting the Defence of a top ten snooker player to a claim brought by his agent for breach

of the agency contract.

Advising on claim for breach of restrictive covenants in a Share Purchase Agreement concerning a business in the financial advice sector.

Drafting claim for judicial review of decision to grant a freezing injunction in respect of monies held in a business account under powers newly introduced into the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Beyond the Bar

Alfred spends his spare time with his wife and three young children, as well watching his football team as often as he can, and walking his dog.