

## Alfred Weiss

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### Clerks' Details

• Ian Spencer  
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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 litigation, arbitration, and other forms of dispute resolution such as Expert Determinations. Alfie is comfortable acting as sole Counsel in very substantial High Court claims and arbitration proceedings, but is also experienced at operating in conjunction with Leading Counsel. He is a team player who works very effectively with both the Solicitor Team and the Client Team. Alfie is used to picking up difficult instructions at short notice and has acquired a deep experience of urgent injunctive applications.

Alfie is regularly instructed in extremely substantial cases. In 2018 he was instructed in a large scale piece of international litigation in the Technology and Construction Court. In 2019-2020 he was retained as Junior in an unfair prejudice petition, raising numerous allegations and issues, listed for a four week trial, and which settled during the course of the trial. In 2020-2022 he is instructed as Junior in an international arbitration concerning a hotel development in Africa. In 2022 he is again instructed with Leading Counsel in a very substantial unfair prejudice petition, as well as being instructed as sole trial Counsel in a number of substantial High Court trials.

Alfie's commercial practice includes:

- Restrictive covenants, confidentiality, fiduciary duties, database rights
- Shareholder disputes
- Partnership disputes
- Directors' duties
- Employment-related claims
- Commercial contract disputes

- Rectification
- Commercial torts
- Franchise disputes
- Breach of Warranty claims
- Commercial Agents claims
- Company Law
- Corporate and personal insolvency litigation
- Professional negligence, particularly involving solicitors, counsel, accountants, architects, engineers, surveyors, and financial advisors
- Consumer law
- Applications for interim 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 able to use his language skills in his cases where appropriate.

His expertise in Commercial Fraud, 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.

## Recommendations

“He’s an extremely dependable barrister, a safe pair of hands and good with clients.”

“He’s a good all-rounder: good with clients, professional, but particularly, he is very bright.”

**Chambers and Partners 2022**

“His cross-examination is excellent – he cut the claimant’s case off at the knees. He is also very reassuring with clients.”

**Chambers and Partners 2021**

“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**

“Alfred is a very clear and concise barrister. Some Barristers will often tell you what you want to hear but Alfie does not do that. I have obtained written advice from him on commercial litigation matters which is exceptional.”

“He has an excellent courtroom presence and an ability to quickly focus on and understand the issues of the case, however complex.”

“Alfred is a good tactician and is well liked by the judiciary, who listen to him with attention. A very bright junior.”

**The Legal 500, 2022**

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“Alfred is thorough, with an excellent attention to detail. He has an impressive courtroom presence and excellent advocacy skills. He is likeable and easy to work with. Clients really like him and I have had nothing but positive reports on him from them.”

**The Legal 500, 2021**

“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

### Examples of previous cases:

- Acting for the company defending a claim brought by a former director for c.£850,000 of unpaid bonus, that also raised issues concerning good leaver/bad leaver status and an associated dispute over shares.
- Acting for 5 former employees in the financial services industry who set up in competition and faced allegations of breach of restrictive covenants and unlawful means conspiracy. Against Leading Counsel.
- Acting for the applicant in combined proprietary and Mareva injunction concerning monies paid to a property broker and fraudulently retained.
- Acting for a football club to obtain an injunction to restrain presentation of a winding up petition brought by investor/shareholders.
- Acting for party claiming a declaration as to beneficial ownership of shares and an injunction excluding respondent from involvement in affairs of the company.
- Acting (as led junior) for the claimants in international arbitration concerning a development project in East Africa.
- Acting (as lead Counsel) for the defendants to claim for breach of restrictive covenants, fiduciary duty, breach of confidentiality, and conspiracy arising out of alleged unlawful use of former employer’s confidential information.
- *IDMH Ltd v Barnes* [2021] acted on behalf of the applicant seeking urgent injunctive relief requiring that the respondent assign to the applicant control over an internet domain name.
- *MV Promotions v The Telegraph Media Group Ltd (1) and HMRC (2)* [2020] EWHC 1357 (Ch). Represented a former international cricketer, and now cricket commentator, in a claim for rectification involving difficult legal issues concerning the court’s equitable discretion in a claim for rectification.
- *Re H v H* [2020]. Represented, as led Junior, the respondents in the trial of an unfair prejudice petition listed for 20 days. Case settled during the course of the trial.

## 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.