# Alfred Weiss

## Call 2006

## Clerks

Ian Spencer
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## Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (2012)

## Memberships

- The Commercial Bar Association
- The Northern Business and Property Bar Association

## Education

- Churchill College, Cambridge – BA History (First Class, 2003)
- Churchill College, Cambridge – 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

## Insolvency

Alfred is regularly instructed in claims under the Insolvency Act, both on behalf of office-holders and on behalf of directors.

He is also instructed in technical applications on behalf of office-holders, or to give advice to office-holders, as well as in contentious winding up and/or bankruptcy petitions, and contentious applications for administration orders, and to give associated advice.

Alfred has a particular interest in Part26 A Restructuring Plans, and the new opportunities they bring to companies facing financial difficulties.

He is frequently instructed in urgent applications to set aside statutory demands, or for injunctive relief to restrain the presentation and/or advertisement of winding up petitions.

As a member of the Attorney-General's A Panel he has acted in a number of applications for disqualification of directors, and in winding up proceedings. He also defends such matters.

## Insolvency Cases

**Examples of recent instructions include:**

- Obtaining a proprietary injunction in respect of a transaction at an undervalue
- Appearing in numerous misfeasance applications against directors
- Acting on behalf of a director defending allegations of receiving unlawful preference payments pursuant to section 239, wrongful trading pursuant to section 214, and breach of the creditor duty
- Acting on behalf of a director successfully defending disqualification proceedings
- Acting on behalf of a director seeking to vary an order for disqualification

## Recommendations

"He is at the top of his game."

"Alfred is really good at distilling everything down into a digestible format for the client."
**Chambers and Partners 2026**

"He explains complex issues in plain language and has a meticulous eye for detail. An excellent advocate who has a great manner with clients."

"Alfred is calm and has a good bedside manner with clients. He is very quick at picking up complex facts and has excellent legal knowledge, which he applies well to real life situations."
**The Legal 500, 2026**

"Alfred is very well liked by solicitors because he is responsive and very client-friendly. He is the go-to for commercial litigation."

"Alfred is a real team player and speaks the client's language. He can cut through the tricky issues while being practical and commercial."

"Clients have complete confidence in Alfred. He explains the law in an easy-to-understand manner."
**Chambers and Partners 2025**

"His approach and delivery is always clinical, clear and to the point. A quick thinker."

"Alfred provides practical, pragmatic and commercial advice and is excellent at cross-examination. Clients like him."
**The Legal 500, 2025**

"Alfred is good on his feet and is a good cross-examiner. He gets to the issues at the heart of the dispute."

"Alfred is very calm, collected and cool under pressure."
**Chambers and Partners 2024**

"An advocate who remains composed and unflappable under fire. He is extremely sharp, builds warm rapport with clients and is well respected by the bench."

"He is a robust and incisive advocate, an excellent communicator, approachable, and has deep understanding of the law. He asks the right question at the right time."
**The Legal 500, 2024**

"Very clever and a strong advocate. He knows where all the pieces fall into place."

"Alfred is affable, confident with clients and a really good team player."

"He has a really good pragmatic approach."
**Chambers and Partners 2023**

"His advocacy is very compelling. He carefully analyses a situation and communicates in a clear and concise manner."
**The Legal 500, 2023**

"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."

"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**

"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**

"I have instructed Alfie on a number of challenging professional negligence cases mostly involving Solicitors.

He demonstrates an incisive mind, able to identify areas of breach of duty and separate out issues of causation.

His style and approach is excellent and above all, he remains pragmatic and realistic, attributes which I believe are essential in this type of work."
**Andrew Greenwood, Director and Solicitor, Emsleys Solicitors**

"Over the last few years I have instructed Alfie Weiss on numerous occasions. He has demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the law and provided an efficient service with soundly drafted paperwork. He has proved to be a combative advocate. I was particularly impressed with his recent assistance on a complex Multi-Track professional negligence case on which he was retained to assist the claimant".
**Nick Luty, Partner, Amstrong Luty Solicitors**

## Publications

The Blacklists Regulations, in The Local Government Lawyer, 6th April 2010

## 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.