

Alex Pritchard-Jones

Call: 2015



Alex Pritchard-Jones is an experienced practitioner in business and property work. Alex's practice covers commercial dispute resolution, wills, trusts and probate, insolvency, and all property work. Alex specialises in cases that require detailed legal argument and hard fought trials.

Alex can advise and obtain emergency High Court injunctions in appropriate cases and is willing to be instructed in the evening and at weekends in cases where time is of the essence.

Alex gives comprehensive advice at the start of a case and is a specialist at getting to grips with a case and drafting pleadings within tight timeframes. He believes in the importance of face to face conferences at the start of a case as an opportunity for the client to give detailed instructions and he to give frank advice, before litigation begins. Alex's experience working in the City of London before becoming a barrister means he has a good understanding of the needs of business clients.

From 2016 to 2022, Alex also practised in crime and so has advocacy experience well beyond that often associated with his level of call.

Expertise

Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Alex has a wide range of experience in agricultural and rural affairs cases, backed up by practical experience of having grown up on small holdings in Wales where his family kept sheep.

Alex's recent cases and experience include:

- claims about the sale of horses and alleged defects;
- claims about the sale of dogs and pedigree status;
- claims about farm machinery and outbuildings occupied by trespassers;
- claims about trespass to farm goods;
- claims about easements for water over and under land

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- claims under the Inheritance Act (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- claims for proprietary estoppel and common intention constructive trust;
- acting as a mediator in a £3,000,000.00 estate which included some valuable firearms.

Through his personal experience of farming communities, Alex understands the personal, and emotional complications experienced by clients in these matters. Farms that have been in families for generations are at risk from some of these proceedings, or in the case of water rights, cattle may go thirsty. Alex offers pragmatic and commercially sound advice to secure the best outcome for his clients.

As well appearing in court, Alex has a broad paper practice, regularly advising clients upon a range of matters relating to agricultural claims. Alex will prefer to meet a client, which can take place at the farm or rural location, as a first step before proceedings are issued.

Alex is a qualified mediator but also represents clients at mediations.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Alex obtained a Masters Degree from Oxford University and graduated with a First Class degree in History and Politics from Newcastle University.

Emma was also awarded scholarships from the Middle Temple. Most recently, Alex has been nominated for Barrister of the Year at the Birmingham Law Society Awards.

During Bar School Alex was a paralegal in a leading London criminal law firm, which meant he has represented individuals accused of criminal offences across London police stations. Much of this work was about criminal financial fraud cases, which has a useful application to his business and property practice.

Outside of the Bar, Alex is the Leader of Birmingham Central Read Easy, an organisation that teaches adults to learn to read.

Banking, Finance & Financial Regulation

Alex has extensive experience in banking and finance litigation and is well versed in common issues that arise in this area. His expertise comes not only from his legal knowledge but also from having worked for Lloyds Bank and JP Morgan in their financial remediation projects. He acts in disputes concerning commercial and consumer finance and represents banks, finance providers, and individuals.

Alex's recent experience includes:

- advising on the enforceability of a loan agreement where the lender was not an authorised lender;
- advising on whether personal guarantees were valid against a company in circumstances where the director's son seemed to have obtained them by fraud
- advising on the recoverability of directors' dividends and 'bad leavers';
- advising on penalty clauses for bridging finance worth £1,000,000.00.

Alex has substantial experience in claims involving undisclosed commission paid to brokers of finance agreements. He deals with both 'secret' and 'half secret' commission claims, as well as disputes as to unfairness under the Consumer Credit Act 1974. In particular, Alex has appeared in numerous vehicle finance commission disputes, both at trial and at interlocutory hearings. He is also comfortable with disputes concerning PPI policies.

Alex has an expansive practice in cases involving the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, including disputes concerning the regulation of financial products and activities. In particular, Alex has advised several individuals on whether loans to them given by unregulated lenders are able to be enforced.

Alex has expertise in personal guarantees and indemnities, a complicated but consequential area of law.

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Commercial Litigation

Alex has a broad commercial practice, with extensive experience of claims for breach of contract, professional negligence, unjust enrichment, misrepresentation, and conversion. He represents companies, individuals and partnerships in the full spectrum of commercial claims.

His recent experience includes:

- claims for misrepresentation in a buy out agreement
- claims for breaches of duties of good faith
- claims for breaches of joint venture agreements
- urgent injunctions to obtain High Court relief from bailiffs attending to enforce debt

Insolvency

Alex has many years experience in insolvency practice. Alex acts in both personal and corporate insolvency litigation. He has extensive experience of claims under the Insolvency Act 1986 and the interplay with the Companies Act 2006, including for wrongful trading, fraudulent trading, and breach of directors' duties. He acts for creditors, debtors, liquidators and trustees in bankruptcy.

Alex's recent cases include:

- urgent applications for injunctions to restrain the presentation of a winding up petition
- applications to set aside statutory demands and winding up petitions
- applications for orders for sale

Alex's experience in the financial world means he is well versed in the practical realities of insolvency work.

Real Estate

Alex enjoys all property related work, and has experience of the following types of cases:

- Disputes involving contracts for the sale and purchase of land
- Development and funding of property purchase and land acquisition, including conditional contracts and options
- Mortgages and land charges
- Conveyancing disputes, including claims for Specific Performance
- Land interests, including easements, restrictive covenants (including applications for their discharge and modification in the Lands Tribunal), highways, village greens and commons
- Claims for the possession of land
- Adverse possession
- Beneficial interest disputes – all types of constructive and resulting trusts, proprietary estoppel claims
- Nuisance, trespass, and boundary disputes.

Alex is equally at home in the High and County Courts as he is in the Property tribunals.

Inheritance Disputes, Wills, Trusts & Estates

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Alex has extensive experience in advising families bringing or defending Inheritance Act disputes. His recent experience includes:

- defending a claim brought by the grandson of the Deceased;
- defending a claim brought by the sister of the Deceased;
- advising in part on a claim brought by the step-children of the Deceased;
- defending a claim brought by the executor's sister, in which undue influence and lack of capacity was alleged.

Alex has extensive mediation experience, both as counsel and as mediator, in estates ranging from £250,000.00 to £3,000,000.00.

Company & Partnership

Alex has extensive experience of company and partnership cases, both in advising about director's duties and removal, as well partnership disputes and dissolution.

Alex has drafted and advised on unfair prejudice petitions as well as represented companies suing former directors. Alex has a niche in advising on joint venture agreements, whether the venture is through a limited company or through a simple agreement.

Awards

Accreditations

- Lord Diplock Scholar, Middle Temple, 2012
- Queen Mother Scholar, Middle Temple, 2014

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Midland Chancery and Commercial Bar Association
- Civil Mediation Council

Appointments

- Mediator

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Qualifications

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