


Alfred Weiss

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Clerks

 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)
- 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

Overview

Alfred is a specialist in business disputes involving: commercial contracts; shareholder disputes; partnership and joint venture disputes; directors' duties; employment-related duties and employment disputes; obligations of confidentiality.

Very often his cases have an insolvency dimension, a cross-border element, or feature allegations of commercial fraud.

He appears in substantial High Court trials and applications, and in the Employment Appeal Tribunal and Court of Appeal.

He is regularly instructed to obtain urgent injunctive relief, such as freezing orders, proprietary injunctions, and injunctions to enforce restrictive covenants.

Alfred appears in arbitrations, national and international, under rules such as the ICC and LCIA, and in related High Court proceedings such as challenges to arbitration awards pursuant to sections 67 and/or 68 Arbitration Act 1996.

He is a member of the Attorney-General's A Panel of Counsel.

Reported cases

Alfred's reported cases include:

Hague & Anor v Hague & Ors [2024] EWHC 1677 (Ch)

Hague & Anor v Hague & Ors [2024] EWHC 1469 (Ch)

British International Investment Plc v Varkey & Anor [2024] EWHC 1785 (Comm) (24 May 2024)

Heathcote & Anor v Asertis Limited [2024] EWCA Civ 242, Court of Appeal

Morton v Morton [2023] EWHC 3223 (Ch)

Morton v Morton [2023] 3 WLR 907; [2023] EWCA Civ 700, Court of Appeal

Mills & Reeve Trust Corporation Ltd v Martin & Ors [2023] EWHC 654 (Ch)

Burnett v Barker [2022] BCLC 419, [2021] EWHC 3332 (Ch)

Burnett v Barker [2021] EWHC 3332 (Ch), [2022] 2 BCLC 419

MV Promotions Ltd & Anor v Telegraph Media Group Ltd & Anor [2020] BTC 23; [2020] EWHC 1357 (Ch)

Dibble v Falzon & Anor (t/a The Anne Arms) [2018] UKEAT 0010_18_2006

Ali v Siddique [2015] EWCA Civ 1258, Court of Appeal

Revenue & Customs v Whiteley [2013] UKEAT 058_12_1005

Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust v Bagley [2012] UKEAT 0417_11_2303

Recommendations

“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, Armstrong 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.