

## Alfred Weiss

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### Clerks

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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

### Commercial Fraud

Alfred is regularly instructed in cases where allegations of fraud or dishonesty are made, including in cases involving the economic torts and bribery. He is experienced in obtaining freezing injunctions and in other applications for interim injunctive relief as against a background of allegations of commercial fraud. His practice involves particularly complex and high value matters in the High Court and Court of Appeal, and international arbitration.

He is currently instructed in a number of commercial fraud cases including cases involving breaches of fiduciary duty by former employees and directors engaged in unlawful means conspiracies to exploit confidential information; a very substantial international arbitration involving allegations of unlawful means conspiracy where the sums in issue are in the hundreds of millions of dollars; other matters where the stakes are very high because allegations of fraud are being made against regulated professionals.

## Commercial Fraud Cases

Recent cases include:

- Successfully defending at trial a firm of property agents alleged to have induced an investor to purchase a property using fraudulent misrepresentations.
- Obtaining a freezing order against the perpetrators of an alleged Ponzi scheme concerning forex trading.
- Instructed on behalf of a regulated professional being sued by a client for allegedly perpetrating a fraud on the client.
- Obtaining a freezing order against a defendant to a claim alleging a transaction at an undervalue.
- Defending a substantial claim by an energy supplier, involving allegations that the energy contracts were procured by the payment of bribes.
- Instructed with Leading Counsel in a s.994 petition (6 week trial, case settled post-trial) in which allegations were made of fraud involving the Company and third parties to the detriment of the minority shareholder.
- Obtaining springboard injunctive relief against a background of 'theft' of confidential information by a former employee and an unlawful means conspiracy involving the new employer. The potential for business disruption ran into the millions of pounds.

## 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, 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.