

Alfred Weiss

Call 2006



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

Insolvency

Alfie has wide ranging experience as an able advocate in the area of insolvency.

Areas of practice include:

- Acting on behalf of office-holders in claims to recover assets/monies
- Acting on behalf of office-holders in challenges to their appointments
- Acting on behalf of office-holders in claims alleging personal liability of office holders
- Advising directors of potentially insolvent businesses
- Acting to restrain presentation of winding up petitions
- Acting to set aside statutory demands
- Acting to challenge presentation of winding up and bankruptcy petitions
- Director's qualification proceedings and claims under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act
- Public interest winding up proceedings

Alfie has been a member of the Attorney-General's Panel Counsel since November 2012. He was promoted to the A-Panel with effect from 1 March 2021.

He is fast gaining a solid reputation for his sharp intellect and commercially-focused, client friendly approach.

Insolvency Cases

Examples of recent cases include:

Acting in appeal of creditor's voting procedure.

Drafting s.212 and 214 application.

Acting on behalf of office-holder in claim for orders under s234 and 236 for transfer of assets.

Restraining presentation of winding up petition.

Opposing set aside of statutory demand.

Acting for Trustee in Bankruptcy in contested proceedings where debtor sought declaration of incapacity due to alcoholism.

Acting for Liquidator defending claim in which director of insolvent company alleged disability discrimination against the Liquidator as regards the conduct of the liquidation. Successfully struck out the claim at a one day hearing.

Acting for debtor in long-running multi-million pound bankruptcy proceedings.

Acting for company successfully obtaining injunction to restrain presentation of winding up petition.

Acting for Administrators seeking various interlocutory orders in complex running administration.

Recommendations

"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.