

Alexander Bailey

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Alex joined 42BR in November 2024 following the successful completion of his pupillage at a leading regional set. During pupillage, Alex obtained experience in a broad range of areas and now accepts instructions in the following areas: Business and Property; Housing; Employment; and Personal Injury.

Before commencing pupillage, Alex undertook the BCL at Christ Church, University of Oxford. Prior to the BCL, Alex obtained his LLB from Keele University, where upon completion, he was awarded the Maxwell Law Prize as the highest ranked student in a cohort of 212.

Alex also spent a year as a fulltime Debt Adviser at the Citizens Advice, where he provided free legal advice to individuals experiencing financial issues, with a specific focus on insolvency options. After examining lay clients' financial circumstances and objectives, Alex provided detailed verbal and written legal advice, with recommendations made as to the options that would be best suited to that particular client. A further part of the role was negotiating with creditors on behalf of lay clients, and making representations on their behalf where necessary.

Career Prior to Law

Prior to changing to a career in law, Alex completed a Level 2 Diploma in Carpentry and Joinery. After then spending some time working in the hospitality industry, Alex moved to Australia where he lived for two years. In Australia, Alex continued to work in the hospitality industry whilst also working on a vineyard in Margaret River, where he worked alongside the fifth generation owner to make wine.

Business Law

Throughout his pupillage, Alex worked on a broad range of Business and Property disputes that concerned issues such as: Contractual construction and rectification; Professional Negligence; Guarantees; PPI; Insolvency; Unincorporated Associations; Property (including TOLATA and Trusts of the Family Home); and Estoppel (Proprietary and Promissory). Having obtained a broad range of experience in this area, Alex now accepts instructions in a wide range of Business and Property matters.

Employment Law

During pupillage, Alex assisted on matters in the Employment Tribunal, the EAT, the High Court and the Court of Appeal. Following completion of his pupillage, Alex undertook numerous hearings in his own right, several of which involved complex points of law, such as whether several distinct Covid-19 infections could, when taken together, constitute a disability for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010. More broadly, the matters Alex has worked on have been varied and have concerned issues such as: direct and indirect discrimination; harassment; victimisation; unfair dismissal; TUPE; holiday pay; and negligent misstatement in the employment context.

Personal Injury Law

Alex accepts instructions to act on behalf of Claimants and Defendants in Personal Injury matters and has broad experience of: Fast Track Trials; Small Claims; Stage 3 hearings; and Interim Applications.

Housing Law

Alex accepts instructions to act for landlords (private and social) and tenants in all stages of a broad range of proceedings (including possession, disrepair and anti-social behaviour injunctions) from the initial drafting of pleadings to representation at hearings.

Scholarships and Awards

- Lord Denning Scholarship
- Lord Neuberger Prize
- Advocacy Scholarship (Maximum Award)

BPTC

- Opinion Writing (Highest Grade in the Region, and Second Highest Nationally out of over 800 students)

Undergraduate Degree

- The Maxwell Law Prize (as the highest ranked Law Finalist in a cohort of 212)
- The Michael Whincup Award for the best overall performance in Year 2 Law
- The MFG Solicitors Prize for the Law Student of the Year at Keele University (given for outstanding academic ability and wider contribution to the Law School)
- The Vice Chancellors Commendation Award (first Keele undergraduate chosen to be the recipient of this prize, whilst

also being the sole undergraduate in 2019 to be given the award. Alexander remains the only Law Student to be awarded this prize, to date)

- The Pinsent Masons Prize for the best performance in Year 3 Employment Law
- The Dugdale Award for the best performance in Year 2 Contract Law
- The BLM Prize (awarded to the law student with the most improved grades from Year 1 to Year 2)
- The McMurtrie Prize (as the mature student with the most improved grades from Year 1 to Year 2)

Module prizes (awarded for attaining the highest grade in each of the following nine subjects): Contract 1 and 2, Criminal Law 1 and 2, Equity, Law of the European Union 1 and 2, Business Leases, and Employment Law

Alex's Criminal Law 2 Grade was (and remains as of 2024) the highest awarded in the Faculty's History

Winner of the Keele University Mooting Competition, and named "Best Advocate" by Lord Hodge who judged the Final, which was held in the Supreme Court

Access to Higher Education Course

- Student of the Year Prize (Awarded for Academic Excellence, Resilience and Perseverance)

Education

- BCL, Christ Church, University of Oxford (Courses undertaken: Restitution of Unjust Enrichment, Commercial Remedies, Business Taxation in a Global Economy and International Law of the Sea)
- Law LLB (Hons) - Keele University (1st, Ranked first in year in a cohort of 212)
- BPTC (Very Competent)

Interests

Outside of work, Alex's main interests are travelling 'off grid', cycling and undertaking carpentry projects.

In addition to living in a remote part of Australia for two years, Alex has made numerous connections in both Vietnam and Thailand and in 2018 he travelled 3500 miles across Vietnam by motorbike.