



Alex Maunders – Barrister

Called 2017

Alex accepts instructions in a number of Chambers' practice areas including civil, crime, and family. In particular Alex also has experience in education law and the area of media and entertainment. He is publicly access qualified.

Testimonials

"The clients got on well with Alex and I received excellent feedback reports. On the last occasion Alex dealt with a highly complex enforcement of a financial remedy case involving an application to transfer properties back to a husband under section 37. I have instructed Counsel from various different sets on a daily basis for the past 20 years and I would certainly instruct Alex again."

Cara Sheridan, Partner, Barnes and Partners.

"To note a particularly discerning client, who Alex dealt with, spoke very highly of him. He has achieved some outstanding results for this firm at Magistrates' Court trials and I would be very confident in instructing him further."

Richard Brown, Partner, Baxter Brown McArthur.

Areas of Practice

Civil

Alex has undertaken a variety of work in the County Court including interim applications, strike out/summary judgment applications, fast track trials, case management hearings in multi-track claims, possession hearings, and disposal hearings. He has also appeared in the Business & Property Courts to present winding up and bankruptcy petitions. He also has experience of drafting statements of case, opinions, and application notices.

Alex has also appeared in a number of property cases including a service charge dispute before the First Tier Tribunal and undertaken several matters in relation to construction disputes.

Alex has also worked at a silver circle law firm and acquired understanding in a range of commercial and civil law areas. Further to this Alex is familiar with forms of alternative dispute resolution having won his university's negotiation competition on the Bar Professional Training Course.

Alex has previously worked in defamation, misuse of private information, breach of confidence, and data protection. In this role he worked on various high profile multi-week trials in the High Court with numerous witnesses both in England and Wales and abroad to appeals in the Court of Appeal

(Civil Division) on nuanced points of law. As a qualified barrister he has read a Statement in Open Court.

His voluntary roles with Motorsport UK mean that Alex has an interest in sports law and he wishes to develop a practice in this area.

Crime

Alex gained extensive experience in the Magistrates' Court and is building his practice in the Crown Court. Alex is a CPS Level 2 prosecutor but also acts for defendants. Alex has had a number of successes in his criminal practice including successfully applying to stay proceedings in the Youth Court as an abuse of process on behalf of a very vulnerable child. In the Crown Court Alex regularly appears for the prosecution and defence in PTPH's, interim applications, appeals, and sentencing hearings.

He has represented clients accused of a variety of matters with a particular focus on driving offences. Alex has also represented clients in a number of exceptional hardship and special reasons sentencing hearings. He has also made a number of civil applications in the Magistrates' Court including a closure order.

Alex has also conducted research into nuanced areas of criminal law and procedure including applications for Defendants to have intermediaries, what recourse there is where a previously bailed Defendant had been remanded after conviction but prior to sentence, and under what circumstances an appeal court would re-open their determination.

Family

Alex has represented numerous clients in the Family Court. Cases he has acted in include return dates and pre-trial reviews for non-molestation orders and occupation orders, hearings in private and public children's proceedings, and an application in a long-running financial remedies case.

In his pupillage Alex gained experience of a wide range of family work, including public and private children's work, final hearings in financial remedy proceedings, and care proceedings.

Prior to pupillage Alex worked at the National Centre for Domestic Violence securing non-molestation, occupation, and prohibited steps orders for victims of domestic abuse.

Public law

Before commencing pupillage Alex successfully appealed decisions made by public bodies through his pro-bono work with the Free Representation Unit (FRU) on social security appeals and educational appeals with Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA). Appeals in the latter were against refusals to assess for and the contents of sections B, F, and I in Education, Health, and Care plans. He has also shadowed counsel and marshalled in the Coroner's Court.

During his pupillage Alex shadowed various members of Chambers to immigration appeals before the First Tier Tribunal and the Upper Tier Tribunal.

Alex has continued to gain experience in education law by clerking a school admissions appeal panels, governor disciplinary committee hearings, and an Independent Review Panel. He has also

successfully represented parents in sections B, F, and I against local authorities, and has acted for a student before an Independent Review Panel.

Education

Bar Professional Training Course (University of Law, 2017)

Graduate Diploma in Law (University of Law, 2015)

MA in Public Administration and Public Policy (University of York, 2014)

BA in Politics (University of York, 2012)

Scholarships and Awards

Neville Laski prize (Inner Temple, 2021)

Geoffrey Veale prize (Inner Temple, 2021)

Marshall Hall Trust award (Inner Temple, 2021)

First place, University Negotiation Competition (University of Law, London Bloomsbury, 2016)

Winner, University Mooting Competition (University of Law, Guildford, 2015)

BPTC Exhibition award (Inner Temple, 2015)

GDL Exhibition award (Inner Temple, 2014)

Professional memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Criminal Bar Association

Family Law Bar Association

Appointments

CPS – level 2 prosecutor

Motorsport UK – a member of the Judicial Committee

Motorsport UK – a member of the judging panel of the National Court

Other interests

Alex is enthusiastic about anything related to motorsport. After working in this area during his teenage years in 2021 he qualified as a voluntary Steward with Motorsport UK (the FIA recognised National Sporting Authority for the UK) and continues as an Event Steward for the British Automobile Racing Club (BARC). He also enjoys go-karting on an amateur basis but is frustrated that his professional driving career has not led him to greater heights within the sport.

Outside of motorsport Alex enjoys watching rugby, occasionally playing tag rugby, swimming, tennis, and reading.

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