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Practice Overview

Alexandra practises across Brick Court's areas of expertise, with a focus on commercial and competition law. Her notable current and recent instructions include:

- *TNF Investments Limited and Ors v Douglas Edelman and Ors* (2026) – acting for the Claimants in this Commercial Court claim concerning one of the largest alleged US tax evasions in history, against a former US military contractor and his associates (led by Craig Morrison KC and William Hooper).
- *INEOS v Athena Racing* (2026) – acting for the Defendant, Athena Racing, in this high-profile claim concerning the *Ineos Britannia* yacht sailed in the 37th America's Cup sailing competition (led by Fionn Pilbrow KC and William Hooper).
- *Banco Santander S.A. and Ors v Al Qamra Real Estate Development WLL and Ors* (2026 -) – acting for the claimant lenders in this claim concerning an alleged property development fraud in Qatar, including by successfully obtaining freezing order relief (led by Emily Wood KC and Tom Wood).
- *Stephan v Amazon* and *ACSO v Amazon* (2026 -) – acting for the Defendant, Amazon, in collective proceedings brought on behalf of sellers (*Stephan*) and proposed collective proceedings on behalf of customers (*ACSO*) (led by Daniel Piccinin KC and Kristina Lukacova).
- *Consumers' Association v Qualcomm* (2025 - 2026) – acting for the Defendant, Qualcomm, on a team led by Daniel Jowell KC, Nicholas Saunders KC and David Bailey KC, in collective proceedings alleging an abuse of dominance. After trial, in early 2026, the class representative applied for permission to withdraw the proceedings. Led by David Bailey KC, Alex acted for Qualcomm in achieving the approval of the first ever settlement on a 'drop hands' basis under the collective proceedings regime in May 2026 ([2026] CAT 50).
- *Flynn and Pfizer v CMA* [2026] EWCA Civ 765 – acting for the CMA in its successful appeal

against the CAT's decision to set aside the CMA's infringement decision against Pfizer and Flynn, finding that they had abused their dominant positions by setting excessive prices for an anti-epileptic drug (led by Josh Holmes KC, David Bailey KC and Jennifer MacLeod).

Before coming to the Bar, Alex taught Equity (the law of trusts and fiduciary obligations) to final-year Law students at the University of Cambridge. She also worked as a research assistant at Section27, a public-interest law centre in her home city of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Alex holds a *summa cum laude* degree from the University of Pennsylvania, where she double majored in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics ("PPE") and History. She later pursued an accelerated Law degree at the University of Cambridge, where she achieved double first-class honours and placed first in her year in both the Law of Contract and Constitutional Law.

Commercial

Alexandra accepts instructions across all areas of commercial litigation. Her recent experience includes:

- *TNF Investments Limited and Ors v Douglas Edelman and Ors* (2026) – acting for the Claimants in this Commercial Court claim concerning one of the largest alleged US tax evasions in history, against a former US military contractor and his associates (led by Craig Morrison KC and William Hooper).
- *INEOS v Athena Racing* (2026) – acting for the Defendant, Athena Racing, in this high-profile claim concerning the *Ineos Britannia* yacht sailed in the 37th America's Cup sailing competition (led by Fionn Pilbrow KC and William Hooper).
- *Banco Santander S.A. and Ors v Al Qamra Real Estate Development WLL and Ors* (2026 -) – acting for the claimant lenders in this claim concerning an alleged property development fraud in Qatar, including by successfully obtaining freezing order relief (led by Emily Wood KC and Tom Wood).

Alex also has significant experience of advisory work in commercial law, including:

- Advising on the proper construction of a manufacturing contract and related issues under the *White & Carter v McGregor* line of authorities (led by Mark Howard KC).
- Advising on issues relating to disclosure under PD 57AD (led by Mark Howard KC).
- Advising on the application of the penalty clause rule and related issues (led by Mark Howard KC and Hugo Leith).
- Advising on statutory construction issues under FSMA 2000 (led by James McClelland KC).

As a pupil, Alex assisted with a wide range of commercial disputes, including:

- *Palmali Shipping SA v Litasco SA* [2025] EWHC 1149 (Comm) – acting for Litasco (the Swiss trading arm of the Russian energy giant, Lukoil) ahead of a six-week c.US$200 million Commercial Court trial of a claim brought for non-delivery of cargo under an alleged Contract of Affreightment (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).
- *Thurrock Borough Council v Kavanagh and Rockfire Capital Ltd* (2024) – acting for Thurrock Borough Council in this high-profile fraud claim arising out of the alleged misappropriation of c.£150 million of funds invested by the Council in bonds linked to solar energy parks (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).
- *MCCF (UK) Ltd v British Polythene Industries Ltd* (2024) – acting for the claimant, MCCF, in this three-week trial in the Commercial Court of a dispute over an unpaid "success fee" alleged to have become payable upon the sale of the then-public company, British Polythene Industries Ltd, in 2016 (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC). The case settled shortly after the parties' closing submissions.
- *Phones 4U v Telefonica and ors* [2025] EWCA Civ 869 – acting for the intervener, the CMA, in this appeal from Roth J's decision in *Phones 4U v Telefonica* [2023] EWHC 2826 (Ch), in which Phones 4U claimed that multiple mobile network operators and their parent companies colluded and/or engaged in tortious wrongdoing to bring about Phones 4U's demise (as a pupil, assisting David Bailey KC).

Competition

Alexandra accepts instructions in all areas of competition law. Her experience includes:

- *Consumers' Association v Qualcomm* (2025 - 2026) – acting for the Defendant, Qualcomm, on a team led by Daniel Jowell KC, Nicholas Saunders KC and David Bailey KC, in collective proceedings alleging an abuse of dominance. After trial, in early 2026, the class representative applied for permission to withdraw the proceedings. Led by David Bailey KC, Alex acted for Qualcomm in achieving the approval of the first ever settlement on a 'drop hands' basis under the collective proceedings regime in May 2026 ([2026] CAT 50).
- *Stephan v Amazon* and *ACSO v Amazon* (2026) – acting for the Defendant, Amazon, in collective proceedings brought on behalf of third-party sellers (*Stephan*) and proposed collective proceedings on behalf of customers (*ACSO*) (led by Daniel Piccinin KC and Kristina Lukacova).
- *Flynn and Pfizer v CMA* [2026] EWCA Civ 765 – acting for the CMA in its successful appeal against the CAT's decision to set aside the CMA's infringement decision and remake the CMA's findings of infringement and its imposition of penalties against Flynn and Pfizer for excessive pricing of anti-epileptic drugs (led by Josh Holmes KC, David Bailey KC and

Jennifer MacLeod).

As a pupil, Alex assisted with a wide range of competition disputes, including:

- *Meta v European Commission* (Case T-1078/23) – acting for Meta in its appeal in the General Court of the European Union against the European Commission's decision to designate Meta as a gatekeeper under the Digital Markets Act 2022 in respect of Facebook Marketplace and Facebook Messenger (as a pupil, assisting David Bailey).
- *Phones 4U v Telefonica and ors* [2025] EWCA Civ 869 – acting for the intervener, the CMA, in this appeal from Roth J's decision in *Phones 4U v Telefonica* [2023] EWHC 2826 (Ch), in which Phones 4U claimed that multiple mobile network operators and their parent companies colluded and/or engaged in tortious wrongdoing to bring about Phones 4U's demise in 2014 (as a pupil, assisting David Bailey).
- *Cinven Capital Management and Ors v CMA* [2025] EWCA Civ 578 – acting for the CMA in this appeal arising out of the CMA's decision on excessive pricing of tablets used to treat patients with thyroid hormone deficiencies (as a pupil, assisting Jennifer MacLeod and David Bailey).

Public Law

Alexandra accepts instructions in public law. Her experience includes:

- Advising on potential avenues for redress against a European state for historic, institutional abuse of women (on a team led by Jennifer MacLeod).
- *Inquest into the death of Ben Condon* – acting for the family of Ben Condon in this three-week inquest into the death of a baby in hospital at the Bristol and Avon Coroner's Court (as a pupil, assisting Jennifer MacLeod).
- *Inquest into the death of Michelle Sparman* – acting for the family of Michelle Sparman in this Article 2 inquest into the death of a mother of two in an inpatient psychiatric ward following alleged domestic abuse (as a pupil, assisting Jennifer MacLeod).
- *Cinven Capital Management and Ors v CMA* [2025] EWCA Civ 578 – acting for the CMA in this appeal arising out of the CMA's decision on excessive pricing of tablets used to treat patients with thyroid hormone deficiencies. The appellants applied to adduce post-trial evidence on the basis that this evidence revealed a mistake of fact giving rise to an error of law (as a pupil, assisting Jennifer MacLeod and David Bailey).

Education and Qualifications

Education:

2017 – 2021: BA in History and Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, University of Pennsylvania (*Summa Cum Laude*)

2021 – 2023: BA in Law (with Senior Status), University of Cambridge (Double First Class)

2023 – 2024: Bar Course, Inns of Court College of Advocacy

Prizes and Scholarships:

University of Pennsylvania

Benjamin Franklin Scholar

Gussie Wachs Prize for the best undergraduate paper in American History

Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism Research Fellow at the Andrea Mitchell Centre for the Study of Democracy

Dean's List Student

University of Cambridge

Clifford Chance CJ Hamson Prize for the Law of Contract (awarded by the University of Cambridge)

ECS Wade Prize for Constitutional Law (awarded by the University of Cambridge)

Madeleine Jorgensen and Marie Lawrence Prizes for First Class Results in Parts I and II of the Law Tripos (awarded by Lucy Cavendish College)

Lincoln's Inn

Lord Bowen Scholarship

Lord Mansfield Scholarship

Professional experience:

2017 – 2018: Legal Researcher, Section27 (public-interest law centre focused on the rights to healthcare and basic education under South Africa's Constitution), Johannesburg, South Africa

2023 – 2024: Supervisor in Law, University of Cambridge (St John's and Lucy Cavendish Colleges)