

## Alexandra Breckenridge

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## Practice Overview

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Alexandra practises across all areas of Brick Court's expertise. She joined Chambers in September 2025, following the successful completion of her pupillage under the supervision of Craig Morrison KC, Jennifer MacLeod, and Professor David Bailey.

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 subsequently studied 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

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

- *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 Thurrock 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).
- *Assensus v Wirsol (2024)* – acting for Wirsol Energy Limited in a claim brought against this solar power developer by a former consultant for allegedly unpaid contractual bonuses (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC)
- *Milne v Bank of Scotland Plc (2024)* – advising a borrower in defending an attempt to enforce security over loan facilities, in a case involving allegations of breaches of duties of good faith by the claimant bank (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).
- Advising on the merits of a potential application for a freezing injunction in light of an anticipatory breach of contract (as a pupil, assisting Craig Morrison KC).

## Competition

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

- *Consumers’ Association (“Which?”) v Qualcomm (2025)* – acting for Qualcomm in collective proceedings alleging an abuse of dominance (led by Daniel Jowell KC and Nicholas Saunders KC and instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright).
- *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).
- *Flynn and Pfizer v CMA [2024] CAT 65, [2025] CAT 12*, Court of Appeal – acting for the CMA in this appeal from the CAT’s decision to remake the CMA’s findings of infringement and its imposition of penalties against Flynn and Pfizer for excessive pricing in anti-epileptic drugs (as a pupil, assisting Jennifer MacLeod and 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

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Alexandra accepts instructions across all areas of public law. Her experience includes:

- 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).
- Before coming to the bar, Alex gained experience assisting in high-profile public law cases while working at Section27, a law centre in Johannesburg, South Africa. These included *The Life Esidimeni Arbitration*, an arbitration following an investigation by the South African Health Ombudsman into the deaths of over 140 mentally ill patients in Gauteng Province whose care was transferred to unlicensed NGOs, and *Komape v Minister of Basic Education*, a delict (i.e. tort) claim brought on behalf of the family of Michael Komape, a five-year-old who died in a pit latrine at his primary school in Limpopo Province.

## Education and Qualifications

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### Education:

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

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

Bar Course, Inns of Court College of Advocacy (2023 – 2024)

## **Prizes and Scholarships:**

### University of Cambridge

- Clifford Chance CJ Hamson Prize for the Law of Contract
- ECS Wade Prize for Constitutional Law
- Madeleine Jorgensen Prize (for First Class Results in Parts I and II of the Law Tripos, awarded by Lucy Cavendish College)

### Lincoln's Inn

- Lord Bowen Scholarship (awarded for Senior Status Law degree)
- Lord Mansfield Scholarship (awarded for the Bar Course)

### University of Pennsylvania

- Benjamin Franklin Scholar
- Gussie Wachs Prize (for the best undergraduate paper in American History)
- Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism Research Fellow (Andrea Mitchell Centre for the Study of Democracy)
- Dean's List

## **Professional experience:**

- Pupillage, Brick Court Chambers 2024 – 2025
- Supervisor in Law, University of Cambridge (St John's and Lucy Cavendish Colleges) (2023 – 2024)
- Legal Researcher, Section27 (public-interest law centre focused on the rights to healthcare and basic education under South Africa's Constitution), Johannesburg, South Africa (2017 – 2018)