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Alex Forzani

CALL 2022 (Solicitor 2017)



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Alex Forzani is a commercial junior who is developing a broad practice in Chambers' core areas. He has a particular focus on securities litigation, insurance and professional liability matters. He has appeared unled in both substantive and procedural hearings.

Before joining chambers, Alex practised as a solicitor at Allen & Overy and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. He developed a substantial financial services practice advising banks, investment firms and funds on all aspects of EU and UK financial services regulation. He is the co-author of a chapter in Financial Markets and Exchanges Law (Oxford University Press, 2021) and a member of the Financial Services Lawyers Association.

Between September 2020 – August 2021, he served as the judicial assistant to Lord Leggatt JSC and worked on a number of high-profile appeals whilst at the UK Supreme Court including the FCA COVID-19 Business Interruption Test Case [2021] UKSC 1, Manchester Building Society v Grant Thornton [2021] UKSC 20, FS Cairo (Nile Plaza) LLC v Brownlie [2021] UKSC 45 and Lloyd v Google [2021] UKSC 50."

Expertise

Banking & Financial Services

Alex has extensive experience advising on financial services matters from his time as a solicitor. He also has a keen interest in securities litigation. During pupillage he worked on a number of claims under section 90 / 90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 including a significant application in the Financial List focusing on the shareholder privilege principle in the context of intermediated securities (with Shail Patel KC and Ed Grigg).

Professional Negligence

During pupillage, Alex worked on a number of professional negligence cases with a particular focus on defending claims against solicitors.

Insurance & Reinsurance

Prior to joining chambers, Alex was the sole judicial assistant assigned to the FCA COVID-19 business interruption Test Case, a landmark decision which examined the impact of COVID-19 on hundreds of thousands of policyholders. During pupillage, he worked on a number of matters which required detailed knowledge of the Supreme Court's judgment.

Commercial Litigation

Alex has a growing practice which covers both litigation and advisory work. Recent instructions include acting for an international fashion wholesaler in a complex and high-value contractual dispute with its supplier.

Education

Bar Transfer Test (Distinction), BPP Law School.

LPC (Distinction) and GDL (Distinction), University of Law.

MPhil (History), Christ's College, Cambridge.

BA (History), Christ's College, Cambridge.

Awards

Phoenicia Scholar (Bar European Group).

Graduate Scholar (Christ's College, Cambridge).

Exhibitioner (Christ's College, Cambridge).

Levy-Plumb Prize in History (Christ's College, Cambridge).

Capitol Hill Scholar (English Speaking Union).
