



# Alexander Pritchard-Jones

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## Overview

Alexander practices in the fields of commerce and chancery, crime and regulation.

Prior to joining the Bar, Alexander gained several years of commercial legal experience at JP Morgan Chase as part of the team overseeing of the anti-money laundering and other regulation of foreign correspondent banks, hedge funds and corporations.

Alexander's experience in criminal law was gained whilst working as Police Station Representative and Fee Earner for GT Stewart Solicitors. He was taking instructions or representing clients on such cases as murder, rape, large scale drug importation, terrorism, fire arms offences, people trafficking and robbery, as well as lesser drugs, assault and driving offences.

## Practice Areas

### Criminal

Alexander both prosecutes and defends, giving him a balanced perspective when representing all clients. Before and during his Bar exams, Alexander worked for a high-profile criminal defence firm in London, initially as a paralegal and then as an accredited police station representative. Working across central and south London, Alexander represented clients accused of terrorism, rape and serious drugs and firearms offences, as well as the full range of assaults and other minor public order offences.

As a paralegal, he worked exclusively on serious murder, drugs and sexual assault cases, including those of the Stephen Lawrence killers. This experience in the police stations and litigation stages means he understands how his work complements that of solicitors and works extremely well with them. He has been praised by solicitors for his calm nature with the most challenging clients.

In addition to his criminal work, Alexander brings experience from working with the financial sector to any money laundering or other financial crime case. He worked for JP Morgan in their anti-money laundering department working with clients across the world and in the UK.

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## Housing

Alexander acts in all areas of residential landlord and tenant law, from injunctions, disrepair, and possession proceedings. He prides himself on providing pragmatic pre-issue advice, which often results in cases being settled without the expense of legal proceedings. Once proceedings are issued, however, he acts to safeguard his clients' interest with input into the evidence gathering and tactical process of preparing to trial.

At court, Alexander relies on an extensive knowledge of the case law to argue his clients' cases forcefully and forensically, as well as being a skilful cross examiner when the case requires it. Alexander has an interest in judicial review as well, in a housing context.

## Regulatory

Alexander has been instructed to advise in regulatory prosecutions as well as advising clients and commercial companies accused of regulatory offences. Understanding the considerations of adverse publicity he is able to give pragmatic advice on the swift resolutions of criminal prosecutions where possible but will also prepare diligently and fight hard for clients when a trial is necessary. He has a keen interest in judicial review and has drafted advice in this area. Further, he has acted for clients accused of breaches of local authority housing regulations.

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## Business & Property

Alexander has a broad practice in Business and Property work, with experience of personal bankruptcy, winding up petitions and bankruptcy orders.

Alexander has experience drafting particulars of claim and defences and will consider pragmatic approaches to draft that fulfil clients strategic needs when contemplating litigation.

Alexander's experience working for both international investment bank JP Morgan, as well as Lloyds Banking Group, has given him a business focused approach to Commercial and Chancery disputes.

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## Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School, Very Competent, July 2014

Graduate Diploma in Law, College of Law, Commendation, July 2012

Master of Studies in Modern British History, St. Hugh's College, Oxford University, July 2011

History and Politics BA (Hons), First class, Newcastle University, July 2009

# Memberships

Criminal Bar Association

Midlands Circuit

# Recent Cases

## Crime:

Prosecuting a benefit fraud trial with a value of over £50,000.

Advising on a judicial review of a magistrates court decision.

## Regulatory:

Prosecuting two Chinese restaurants in the Midlands for breaches of health and safety regulations.

Defending a company accused of criminal breaches of Water Regulations.

## Housing/Human Rights:

Alexander Pritchard-Jones instructed in an application for a last minute injunction and exclusion order to stop a tenant in a multi story block of flats from starting fires in the kitchen and bathroom. Given the draconian nature of an exclusion order this case involved substantial engagement with the proportionality of an exclusion order and involved balancing the Act 8 home rights of the tenant with the right to life of the other residents. Alexander was successful in persuading the judge that an exclusion order was proportionate and should be made to protect the other tenants of the client.

# Awards/Scholarships

Middle Temple, 2014 Queen Mother Scholar

Kaplan Law School, 2014 Advocacy Scholar

Middle Temple, 2012 Lord Diplock Scholar

Coleshill Grammar School Fund Recipient, 2012

# Further Information

Prior to joining the Bar, Alexander gained several years of commercial legal experience working with JP Morgan Chase as a KYC Analyst where he worked in the department responsible for over-seeing of the anti-money laundering and other regulation of foreign correspondent banks, hedge funds and corporations.

Prior to that he was with the Lloyds Banking Group as an Analyst working on the regulator initiated remediation of fixed rate loans and interest rate hedging products.

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