Alex Leonhardt



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Education

Alex accepts instructions in discrimination, breach of contract and negligence claims arising in the context of schools, colleges and universities in the First-tier Tribunal and the civil courts, as well as school admission and exclusion cases and judicial review cases relating to education.

A recent case involved successfully representing a school in defending a discrimination claim on the basis that a pupil's violent behaviour was not something arising from the disability relied upon.

Alex's previous experience of working in higher education policy means that he is particularly interested in cases in the higher education context, including discrimination and breach of contract claims, judicial reviews and cases involving complaints to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education.

Articles

Naomi Webber and Alex Leonhardt analyse the long-anticipated judgment in Higgs v Farmor's School handed down by the Court of Appeal in February, a judgment which offers pertinent lessons for practitioners representing student/parents, schools and universities, where questions of balancing freedom of speech, institutional reputation and the rights of others frequently come into play.

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Alex Leonhardt reflects on the High Court's refusal to grant a Group Litigation Order to UCL students' claim for disrupted learning during the Covid pandemic and possible implications for other higher education providers.

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Alice de Coverley and Alex Leonhardt analyse how the tricky, balancing questions around children's rights, school uniforms and school discipline have been dealt with by the Courts.

This article also appeared in the Education Law Monitor.

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Covid-19 and the Class of 2020.
Pupil barrister Alex Leonhardt examines if students can claim compensation from their universities.

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Academic qualifications

- Bar Professional Training Course, Cardiff University 2017-18 (Very competent)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, Cardiff University, 2016-17 (Distinction)
- MA Political Philosophy, University of York, 2011-2012 (Distinction)
- BA (Hons) Philosophy, University of Cambridge, 2005-2008

Scholarships

- Astbury Scholarship (Major Award), Middle Temple
- Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition, Middle Temple
- Campbell Foster Prize for performance on the BPTC, Middle Temple