



# Alexander Whatley

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## Overview

Alexander Whatley is a commercial, chancery and property barrister. He has been recommended in Legal 500 as a 'Tier 1 Leading Individual' in Commercial Litigation in 2023, 2024 and 2025 and Professional Negligence in 2025 as well as a Leading Junior in Commercial Dispute Resolution in Chambers and Partners 2024 and 2025. He also takes instructions in costs disputes.

Before joining the Bar, he worked in a City advisory firm conducting investigative corporate intelligence for global merchants and hedge funds in the field of international commodity trading.

Alexander is also available for instruction through Direct Access.

## Costs

Alex Whatley has experience of costs hearings including:

- **Melloy v UK Insurance Ltd [2022] EW Misc 4 (CC):** represented the Defendant in a hearing concerning the application of fixed costs in proceedings for damages that fall within Part IIIA of CPR45 and whether such Claimants are separately entitled to the costs set out in Table 6B.
- **C v D Ltd [2023]:** Alex successfully resisted three consecutive Applications for costs to be assessed on an indemnity basis each made at different stages of the litigation.'
- A costs hearing to determine the date on which the costs burden shifted from the claimants to the defendants, based on a judgment in the claimants' favour on the defendants' failure to account in a trusts case. Alex acted for the 22 claimants having also represented them during the seven-day trial.

## Recommendations

Alexander Whatley of 3PB Barristers is a highly respected barrister with expertise in a range of commercial disputes. He is sought after for his prowess in areas including breach of trust, contractual disputes and property matters.

Strengths:

"Alexander is very user-friendly, good with clients and an easy barrister to use."

"Alexander is still relatively young but shows a good level of knowledge and insight into problems. He has proved himself a very good advocate."

**Chambers 2025/Commercial Dispute Resolution /Western Bar**

"Well prepared and quick on his feet."

"Alex has the ability to deal with all situations and can think on his feet to get a great result."

**Chambers 2024**/Commercial Dispute Resolution /Western Bar

'Alexander goes above and beyond to make himself available to assist the clients and turn around work with extraordinary attention to detail. He shows great support and provides the clients with in-depth knowledge.'

**Legal 500 2025**/Commercial Litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Ranked in Tier 1

'Alex is affable and articulate, and his paperwork is prompt.'

**Legal 500 2025**/Professional Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'He is a great advocate and commands a courtroom. He also gives detailed advice and considers all areas of a dispute.'

**Legal 500 2024**/Commercial Litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Ranked in Tier 1

'Alexander Whatley is a strong and persuasive advocate, with an excellent grasp of the facts and an ability to cut through to the heart of a matter. Exceptionally well prepared with a calm, analytical approach. He delivers clear, concise advice in a client-friendly manner.'

**Legal 500 2023**/Commercial Litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Ranked in Tier 1

'Alexander has a very analytical mind. He is an extremely well prepared barrister who knows the client's case inside out. He provides his advice in an approachable and user-friendly manner.'

**Legal 500 2022**/Commercial Litigation/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

## Academic qualifications

- Kaplan Law School, BPTC
- University of Southampton, LLB Law

## Scholarships

- Inner Temple Profumo Scholarship
- Inner Temple Major Exhibition Award
- Inner Temple Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Kaplan BPTC Future Potential Scholarship

## Professional qualifications & appointments

- London Commercial Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association