

Tanfield Chambers

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Areas of Practice

Property
Personal Injury
Public Access

Career

1998 Called to the Bar

Profile

Alex has been a tenant at Tanfield Chambers since 2001 and has acquired a broad range of experience in many areas of civil litigation. She has developed a busy practice principally in the areas of property and personal injury litigation, and she is a member of both of those Practice Groups in Chambers. Alex regularly appears in County Courts and the High Court, and has been led in the Court of Appeal.

Being Spanish and speaking the language fluently, Alex has received instructions from Spanish lawyers needing to issue proceedings in this jurisdiction, as well as from solicitors acting for Spanish-speaking clients. Alex is happy to conduct conferences and peruse documents in Spanish, without the need for an interpreter to be instructed in the case.

Alex is able to receive instructions directly from lay and professional clients under the Public Access Rules and will consider whether taking on public access work without a solicitor's involvement is appropriate, or alternatively, advise at an early stage and refer such work to solicitors if the case requires it.

Alex is willing to attend solicitors' offices to give seminars on topics within her practice areas but would welcome suggestions on any specific topics that solicitors need covering in advance.

Experience

Personal Injury

Alex's personal injury practice mainly involves road traffic disputes, highways claims, employers' liability and occupiers' liability acting for both claimants and defendants. She also has experience of accidents abroad, holiday claims and criminal injuries compensation claims.

Property

A substantial proportion of Alex's property work is in the field of landlord and tenant. She is regularly instructed in residential possession claims, forfeiture proceedings and mortgage possession actions. Her property work extends to business, as well as residential tenancies. In addition, Alex's experience includes boundary disputes, other disputes between neighbours involving claims in nuisance, trespass and harassment, and claims arising out of the sale of land at auction. Alex has appeared before Adjudicators in the HM Land Registry.

Significant cases

Cooke v Europanel (UK) Ltd (2010) EWHC 124 (Ch)

Appeal against a judge's decision dismissing an application to set aside a statutory demand.

Truegold International Ltd v (1) Questrock Ltd (2) Mobota Begum (2010) LTL 11/3/2010

Part 8 proceedings for the determination of questions of law concerning whether an option to purchase freehold property had been validly exercised by the assignee of the benefit of the option and whether the assignee's rights under the option agreement took priority over a lessee's rights under a lease granted after the option agreement had been entered into.

Kupfer v Dunne [2003] EWCA Civ 1549

Appeal from judge's determination of the boundary between two residential properties.

Publications

Contributor, *Service Charges and Management: Law & Practice* 2nd edition (Sweet & Maxwell)

In the media

Alex is a regular contributor to *Personal Injury Brief Update Law Journal* <http://www.pibriefupdate.com/contributors.php> and has contributed the following articles:

PIBULJ 2008 'Part 36 Offers - When is a judgment more advantageous?'

PIBULJ 2007 'Low Velocity Impacts – developments since Kearsley'

PIBULJ 2007 'Dishonesty – Where to draw the line?'

PIBULJ 2007 "“RTAs” and Recovering the Cost of a Hire Vehicle'

PIBULJ 2006 'Low Velocity Impacts – tips on what to look out for when dealing with personal injury claims arising out of low velocity' impacts

PIBULJ 2006 'Claimants Working on the “Black” Economy and Fraudulently Obtaining Benefits – the defence of illegality'

Other articles include:

23.04.2007 *The Lawyer* also published an article written by Alex examining the effects of dishonesty in personal injury cases entitled 'Lying Shame.'
<http://www.thelawyer.com/cgi-bin/item.cgi?id=125368>

Alex was interviewed by *Legal Network Television* on the following topics:

May 2008 CPD Legal Programme on the recovery of aggravated and exemplary damages in personal injury claims

May 2007 CPD Legal Programme on criminal injuries compensation claims

Memberships

Member, Personal Injury Bar Association

Member, Property Bar Association

Member, British Spanish Law Association - Alex is Spanish and speaks the language fluently. She welcomes instructions in cases involving a Spanish element. Alex recently attended the BSLA conference in Granada and gave a seminar on 'Accidents Abroad' and the provisions on forum and the applicable law under the Brussels Convention.

Qualifications

LLB Hons (University of Manchester)