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Qualifications and Appointments

- BA, Law with Legal Studies in Europe (Magdalen College, Oxford)
- BPTC, Very Competent (BPP)
- Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)
- Lincoln's Inn Entrance Award
- Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

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Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- COMBAR
- Property Bar Association
- Female Fraud Forum

Practice Overview

Alice has a busy Commercial Chancery practice. In particular Alice has significant experience of property litigation, both commercial and residential. She is regularly instructed on cases involving civil fraud and asset recovery, corporate and personal insolvency, company and partnership matters, and trusts. Alice's expertise across these practice areas means she is well placed to deal with cases raising a range of complex technical issues.

Alice is ranked as a leading junior in The Legal 500 (2022): *"Alice is an exceptional junior barrister. She digests complex material with seeming ease and at pace, whilst completely grasping all elements and demonstrating an encyclopaedic knowledge of the materials. She is contactable, approachable and entirely dependable. She also works incredibly hard and manages to give the impression that she is always prioritising you and your instruction. Her advocacy comes across as beyond her years and she has an excellent feel for the court room and the direction of the judge."*

Alice is a formidable advocate who has been praised in previous editions of The Legal 500 as *"excellent in cross-examination"* and as having *"an excellent delivery in court"*. She *"always has an impressive grasp of the finer details of any brief"*. She regularly appears in the High Court, County Courts and the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) as sole or junior counsel.

Alice is appointed to the Attorney General's C Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown. She is also certified by ADR Group as a Civil and Commercial Mediator.

Recent experience includes:

- Acting for the successful claimant on an 8-day trial in a service charge claim for c. £2.3million concerning central London property. Led by Nicholas Trompeter QC. (*Criterion Buildings Ltd v McKinsey & Co Inc* [2021] EWHC 216 (Ch)).
- Acting for the defendants in a long-running multi-million-pound company and partnership dispute involving litigation in England and India, led by Stuart Hornett (*Badyal v Badyal and Badyal*), including most recently the trial of preliminary issues to determine the scope of Accounts and Inquiries.
- Acting for the defendant in a claim involving alleged invoice fraud for c. £700,000, and responding to applications for a freezing injunction and inspection orders.
- Acting for the claimants in a three-day trial of a boundary dispute, raising issues of T-marks on plans and adverse possession (*Simic and Simic v Gray* [2021] 4 WLUK 453).



Civil Fraud

Alice's recent experience of civil fraud work includes:

- Acting for the successful Respondent Husband in his application for indemnity costs after the Applicant Wife discontinued claims of fraud, conspiracy and sham one week before a 7-day trial. Led by Justin Kitson. (*Crowther v Crowther* [2020] EWHC 3555 (Fam))
- Acting for the applicant to obtain orders for service out of the jurisdiction and substituted service in a claim involving allegations of conspiracy, breach of fiduciary and statutory duties and dishonest assistance.
- Acting for claimant to secure proprietary and freezing interim injunctions for fraudulent misappropriation of proceeds of currency spot trades, structured options and forwards.
- Acting for senior director subject to freezing injunction and inspection orders in alleged invoice fraud.
- Acting for claimant to secure freezing injunctions for e-mail hacking fraud.
- Working in Grand Cayman on *AHAB v Saad*, the largest trial in Cayman history lasting over one year and involving disclosure of over 5 million documents. The multi billion-dollar claim involved allegations of fraud arising from one of the largest corporate collapses of the credit crunch. Alice worked on one of the three successful defendant teams for the 34th Defendant, a fund of funds which is now in liquidation.