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Overview

Alex is developing a broad practice across all of Chambers' core practice areas, including commercial litigation, international arbitration, as well as public and private international law disputes. He enjoys working as sole counsel or as part of a team.

Before joining Chambers, Alex qualified as an advocate in Cyprus. He undertook a Blue Book Traineeship at the Contract Law Unit of the DG for Justice and Consumers (European Commission). Alex contributed to the unit's work in developing policies to remove private law obstacles for the use of smart contracts and in monitoring the implementation of the Digital Content Directive and the Sale of Goods Directive by Member States. He has also interned at the DG for Human Rights (Council of Europe) and has worked on cases before the ECtHR prior to transferring to the Bar.

Alex studied Law at the University of Cambridge and has obtained an LLM specialising in Competition, Innovation and Trade law from LSE. He completed his two-year military service in the Cypriot National Guard as a cadet officer and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant by the end of his service.

Major awards / prizes / scholarships

- Stella Cacoyianni Soulioti Scholarship, Gray's Inn (2019)
- Advocacy Scholarship, BPP (2019)
- Senior Harris Scholarship, Downing College (2018)

Publications

- 'Reconceptualising Extraterritoriality under the ECHR as Concurrent Responsibility' (2020) 12(1) *European Journal of Legal Studies* 157
- Co-author of 'Using related Legal Systems to secure the Execution of Just Satisfaction awarded by the ECtHR' (2021) 13(2) *Lexonomica* 187
- Regularly contributes to articles published in the most widely-circulated newspapers in Cyprus.

Professional memberships

- COMBAR
- London Shipping Law Centre (LSLC)
- London Common Law and Commercial Bar Association (LCLCBA)
- ICC
- BILA
- Cyprus Bar Association

Education

- Cyprus Bar Association: Bar Exams,

Distinction (2021)

- BPP Law School: Bar Professional Training Course (2020)
- London School of Economics and Political Science: LLM (Competition, Innovation and Trade Law), Distinction (2019)
- University of Cambridge, Downing College: BA in Law, First Class (2018)

Arbitration

- Acting as junior counsel for the charterers in an LMAA arbitration concerning claims against the owners for failing to ensure that the vessel had the required certificates and for off-hire.
- [Renaissance Securities \(Cyprus\) Limited v Chlodwig Enterprises Limited \[2023\] EWHC 2816 \(Comm\)](#): Acting as junior counsel in the Commercial Court, which granted an anti-suit injunction to enforce a London arbitration agreement by restraining the respondents from continuing foreign proceedings. The foreign proceedings had been commenced in purported reliance on new Russian procedural provisions enacted to assist Russian litigants to circumvent international sanctions (led by Paul Lowenstein KC and Andrew Dinsmore) (see also [\[2023\] EWHC 3160 \(Comm\)](#)).
- Acted as junior counsel for the owners in a high-value claim brought in LMAA arbitration concerning the supply of bunkers to a vessel and the charterers' obligation to indemnify owners for the resulting damage.
- Acted as junior counsel in a high-value claim brought in LMAA arbitration regarding the alleged breach of a ship management agreement, including fiduciary duties owed by the vessel managers.
- Advising on multiple procedural issues arising in LMAA arbitration, including obtaining security for costs against a counterclaimant special purpose vehicle.
- Drafted pleadings (as a pupil) for a number of LMAA arbitrations.

Banking and financial services

- Drafted an expert report (to be used in foreign proceedings) on the English law principles governing security taken in relation to the performance of a loan agreement.

Commercial litigation

- [Renaissance Securities \(Cyprus\) Limited v Chlodwig Enterprises Limited \[2023\] EWHC 2816 \(Comm\)](#): Acting as junior counsel in the Commercial Court, which granted an anti-suit injunction to enforce a London arbitration agreement by restraining the respondents from continuing foreign proceedings. The foreign proceedings had been commenced in purported reliance on new Russian procedural provisions enacted to assist Russian litigants to circumvent international sanctions (led by Paul Lowenstein KC and Andrew Dinsmore) (see also [\[2023\] EWHC 3160 \(Comm\)](#)).
- Advising on the merits of a claim for breach of warranty of authority.
- Advising on a business interruption insurance claim arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Assisted (as a pupil) in the preparation of the pre-trial review and opening submissions in [Deutsche Bank \(London Branch\) v Central Bank of Venezuela \[2022\] EWHC 2040 \(Comm\)](#), concerning the recognition of foreign judgments.
- Assisted (as a pupil) in an application for an interim mandatory injunction to enforce the terms of a maritime letter of indemnity.

EU and competition law

- Case C-742/22 SA *Ntinios Ramon v European Commission*: Acted as junior counsel in an application for a third-party debt order against the European Commission pursuant to Article 1 Protocol No.7 of the TFEU, in order to enforce a judgment debt owed by Turkey pursuant to a judgment of the ECtHR (prior to transferring to the Bar).

Jurisdiction, conflicts and enforcement

- [Renaissance Securities \(Cyprus\) Limited v Chlodwig Enterprises Limited \[2023\] EWHC 2816 \(Comm\)](#): Acting as junior counsel in the Commercial Court, which granted an anti-suit injunction to enforce a London arbitration agreement by restraining the respondents from continuing foreign proceedings. The foreign proceedings had been commenced in purported reliance on new Russian procedural provisions enacted to assist Russian litigants to circumvent international sanctions (led by Paul Lowenstein KC and Andrew Dinsmore) (see also [\[2023\] EWHC 3160 \(Comm\)](#)).
- Advising on jurisdiction and applicable law in a complex clinical negligence claim.
- Advising a claimant on how to address issues of foreign applicable law where these were first raised in the defence.
- Assisted (as a pupil) in the preparation of the pre-trial review and opening submissions in [Deutsche Bank \(London Branch\) v Central Bank of Venezuela \[2022\] EWHC 2040 \(Comm\)](#), concerning the recognition of foreign judgments.
- Prepared advice (as a pupil) on the applicability of section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 to a ship sale and purchase agreement. The case raised issues related to foreign applicable law.
- Alex is qualified as an advocate in Cyprus, passing the Cyprus Bar exams with distinction. He has previously been instructed to advise on issues of Cypriot law.

Public international law

- Assisted as junior counsel in [Panagi and Shiartou v Turkey App No.6178/18](#) (communicated before the ECtHR) concerning procedural delays in the Immovable Property Commission set up by Turkey in the “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus” (prior to transferring to the Bar).
- Prepared advice (as a pupil) on the merits of a claim under Article 1 Protocol No.1 ECHR arising out of the war in Ukraine. The advice considered issues related to jurisdiction pursuant to Article 1 ECHR.
- Case C-742/22 SA *Ntinios Ramon v European Commission*: Acted as junior counsel in an application for a third-party debt order against the European Commission pursuant to Article 1 Protocol No.7 of the TFEU, in order to enforce a judgment debt owed by Turkey pursuant to a judgment of the ECtHR (prior to transferring to the Bar).

Shipping, commodities and international trade

- Acting as junior counsel for the charterers in an LMAA arbitration concerning claims against the owners for failing to ensure that the vessel had the required certificates and for off-hire.
- Acted as junior counsel in a high-value claim brought in LMAA arbitration regarding the alleged breach of a ship management agreement, including fiduciary duties owed by the ship managers.
- Acted as junior counsel for the owners in a high-value claim brought in LMAA arbitration concerning the supply of bunkers to a vessel and the charterers’ obligation to indemnify owners for the resulting damage.
- Drafted opening submissions (as a pupil) for an LMAA arbitration concerning a demurrage claim and the fault exception.
- Prepared advice (as a pupil) on whether delivery was properly effected pursuant to a ship sale and purchase agreement.
- Prepared advice (as a pupil) on the frustration of a sale of goods contract arising out of the war in Ukraine.
- Prepared advice (as a pupil) on the applicability of section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 to a ship sale and purchase agreement.
- Assisted (as a pupil) in an application for an interim mandatory injunction to enforce the terms of a maritime letter of indemnity.

Sports

- Prepared advice (as a pupil) regarding a claim by an athlete against a sports governing body based on an implied contract.