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PRACTICE

Alexander practises predominantly in corporate and commercial litigation.

Alexander has experience in complex commercial disputes including joint ventures, construction and infrastructure, resources, trade practices, professional negligence and general contract. Alexander has acted in a range of courts, tribunals, arbitral bodies, commissions of inquiry and mediations.

He advises corporations and individuals on a range of matters including shareholders disputes, corporate liability and insolvency, contractual liability, and has defended companies and directors in regulatory prosecutions.

Alexander has specialist experience in aviation law and has advised insurers on related risks.

Prior to being called to the Bar in 2019, Alexander was an Associate to the Hon. Justice Byrne AO RFD in the Supreme Court of Queensland. He has also worked for a number of years as a solicitor in litigation and arbitration for a top-tier international firm in London and as the Litigation and Regulatory Counsel for a major international airline.

While undertaking his LLM studies at Cambridge, Alexander was awarded the 3 Verulam Buildings Prize for the highest mark in International Commercial Litigation.

Matters in which Alexander has been briefed as Junior Counsel include:

- Acting for the defendant in a billion-dollar commercial dispute in the Supreme Court of Queensland which has been referred to referees (led by G A Thompson QC S-G, L Kelly QC and D O'Sullivan QC)
- Appearing (unled) in a trial in the Supreme Court of Queensland involving alleged breaches of contract and a failure to afford natural justice
- Counsel Assisting the [Paradise Dam Commission of Inquiry](#) (2020) (led by J Horton QC)
- Appearing in proceedings relating to mining and gas compensation matters
- Appearing and advising in relation to corporate insolvency, fraud and misrepresentation; pooling applications; public examinations; winding-up applications; default judgment, strike-out and summary judgment applications
- Insolvency/Corporations – *Colwell (Deed Administrator), in the matter of Wealth Mining Pty Ltd (Subject to Deed of Company Arrangement) v Wealth Resources Pty Ltd* [2021] FCA 857

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Associate to the Hon. Justice J H Byrne AO RFD, Supreme Court of Queensland

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, London

- Associate in the London Disputes Practice which covered commercial litigation, arbitration, and white collar defence and regulatory prosecutions.

British Airways Plc, London

- Litigation and Regulatory Counsel
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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Queensland Bar, 2019
 - Called to the Bar of England & Wales (Gray's Inn), 2019 (non-practising)
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EDUCATION

- Master of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Cambridge, 2012
 - 3 Verulam Buildings Prize for International Commercial Litigation
 - Magdalene College Academic Scholarship
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Queensland, 2009
 - Dean's Honour Roll for Law and Commerce
 - Top of class in Commercial Law and Maritime Law
- Bachelor of Commerce (Finance), University of Queensland, 2009