## **Alex Beevers#**

Year of Call: 2022





Immediately before pupillage, I was employed full time as Litigation Assistant at Kennedys, a global law firm specialising in insurance law. I also worked part time as fishmonger trading at various markets across London. At Kennedys I was able to develop relationships with both solicitors and clients – an important skill when practising at the criminal bar.

Before that, I worked in the Court of Appeal as a Judicial Assistant to Lord Justice Coulson, splitting my time between the criminal and civil division. My responsibilities included drafting Bench Memorandum, a preparatory document designed to assist the bench with evaluating the merits of an appeal, as well as considering permission to appeal applications. Furthermore, I was often tasked with undertaking legal research into complex areas of law. The opportunity to learn from the country's most senior judges and experienced advocates alike has enhanced both my written and oral advocacy, further equipping me with the skills demanded of a criminal advocate. Moreover, it allowed me to gain a unique insight into the appeal process and I am seeking to develop my practice further in this area.

During my legal studies I volunteered at Greater Manchester Law Centre, and worked part time at Manchester Audi. At GMLC, I helped vulnerable people appeal against DWP decisions to refuse welfare benefits. I provided practical support throughout the process, from drafting the initial grounds of appeal up until representing clients at an inquisitorial tribunal. This role enhanced my ability relate to wide cross sections of society, I skill which I feel has been further honed through my part time employment. I take pride in my personable, down-to-earth nature, and my ability to tailor my approach to the needs of each individual.

Outside of work, I am a keen musician trained in both classical and jazz piano. I enjoy composing and producing my own music, as well as playing as a session musician.

## **Education**

**BPP London Holborn** 

- BPTC (Very Competent)

University of Manchester

### Degree(s)

- LLM Intellectual Property Law(Distinction)
- LLB Law (1:1)

#### **Awards**

- Master of Laws Outstanding Achievement Award (student with the highest overall mark in the LLM programmes).
- Master of Laws Outstanding Performance Award (student with no grade below 70%).
- Master of Laws Outstanding Achievement Award in Corporate, Financial and IP Law (student with the highest overall mark in IP/ITT/CG/IFL).
- Intellectual Property Law Teacher's Award for Outstanding Research (student with the exceptional grade

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