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BIOGRAPHY

Alex is an Australian Solicitor who advises clients on a variety of corporate and commercial matters and specialises in superior court litigation as well as matters in alternative litigation forums.

Alex has experience acting in a variety of commercial disputes in particular contentious matters arising from insolvency situations. Alex has also acted in large regulatory matters on behalf of individuals and financial institutions including acting in government inquiries into the Australian banking industry and matters before the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Alex is a Senior Associate in the firm's Business and Commercial Disputes department and a leading contentious lawyer for the firm's extensive public procurement practice. Leveraging a wider business and commercial dispute experience, Alex has a wealth of contentious and regulatory expertise, and is known for fighting the clients' corner in procurement dispute. She specialises in

large scale, high-stakes public procurement challenges which always require urgent action and expert strategic advice to be provided in often very short-timescales. She is lead associate on numerous of the most significant public procurements cases acting for national and international clients including (i) acting on behalf of an unsuccessful bidder in respect of a high-profile High Court challenge to the procurement run by the Gambling Commission for the operation of the Fourth UK National Lottery Licence (the largest UK public procurement in 25 years).

In 2015, Alex was recognised as one of the top 30 lawyers in Australia under 30 in dispute resolution.

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A recent Technology & Construction Court's judgment considers the procedural time limits that apply in procurement litigation. The question of timing in bringing a claim in procurement challenges is not straightforward, requiring close examination of the interplay between the procurement regulations and the Civil Procedure Rules, by reference to the nature of the claims available. Failure to understand and comply with the requisite timelines can often result in claims being limited or excluded altogether. This case is a timely examination of the rules surrounding time limits.

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Every so often the Court will reaffirm the primacy of express terms while re-stating the rule that implied terms can only be relied on to the extent they are (i) so obvious as to go without saying, or (ii) necessary to give an agreement business efficacy. The latest is *Contra Holdings Ltd v Bamford* [2023] EWCA Civ 374, handed down by the Court of Appeal last month. This commentary will come as no surprise to practitioners, and yet it serves as an important reminder that implied terms should not be relied upon as a fall-back where express drafting falls short.

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On 11 May 2022, the keenly awaited Procurement Bill (announced in the Queen's Speech) was formally introduced to the House of Lords and received its first reading. Running to 122 pages (and comprising 116 sections across 13 Parts, and 11 Schedules) in its current form, the Bill is one of the Prime Minister's so-called "Brexit bonanza" bills focused on further decoupling the UK from the EU. Post-Brexit, the government views this as an opportunity for the UK to develop and implement a procurement regime unburdened by the current complex regime that derives almost entirely from EU law. Indeed, the intention is to repeal the public contracts, defence, utilities and concessions procurement regimes, and replace these with a single piece of procurement legislation that extends to contracting authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland has opted not to implement the new UK procurement r...

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Mr Justice Andrew Baker has dismissed a Norwich Pharmacal claim brought by litigation funder Burford Capital Limited against London Stock Exchange, in which it sought the disclosure of the identities of market participants

involved in trading Burford's shares following a remote trial. In a judgment handed down on 15 May 2020 (Burford Capital Limited v London Stock Exchange [2020] EWHC 1183 (Comm)) the Court rejected claims by Burford that it had a "good arguable case" that its share price had been the subject of unlawful market manipulation on two days in August 2019 and stated that even if it had been, justice would not have demanded that London Stock Exchange disclose to Burford the identities of all market participants trading on the days in question. The claim was the first of its kind to be brought against a trading venue in the UK and represents a decisive step by the Court to protect public co...

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