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Alex Glassbrook specialises in transport law. His practice includes serious personal injury and insurance work as well as advisory work to industry. He is expert in the law of new transport technologies including e-scooters, e-bikes, micro mobility vehicles, advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) and automated ('self-driving', 'autonomous' or 'driverless') vehicles. He has advised industry on a range of issues including testing of prototypes.

Alex deals with the civil, criminal and public law aspects of vehicle technology, across practice areas including consumer rights, data protection, environmental law, equality, insurance, personal injury, privacy and product liability.

Chambers and Partners (2023) describes Alex as "the leading light in preparing the Bar for issues relating to driverless cars". He wrote the first British book on the law of automated vehicles ('The Law of Driverless Cars: An Introduction') in 2017. His new book, '[Advanced, Automated and Electric Vehicle Law](#)', the first major textbook on the topic, was published by Bloomsbury on 1 February 2024.

Alex also teaches at [Imperial College London](#), where he is the Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Road Transport Law.

Alex accepts instructions to advise on a [public access](#) basis.

Expertise

Automated & Electric Vehicles

Alex is expert in the emerging field of Automated and Electric Vehicle (AEV) law. He wrote the first British book on the law of driverless cars (in 2017) and the first textbook on 'Advanced, Automated and Electric Vehicle Law' which was published by Bloomsbury in February 2024. He has advised the AEV industry. In addition to advising, writing and lecturing on the topic in the UK and overseas, he has played a major role in law reform, including leading the Bar Council of England and Wales' response to the Law Commission's final report on automated vehicle law. He has been interviewed by numerous media (including BBC Radio 4's 'Law in Action').



In January 2022, he was appointed the Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Road Transport Law at Imperial College London.

Environmental Law

Alex writes and lectures on the environmental aspects of road transport regulation. His article for the local government news website local.gov.uk '[Roads to Recovery](#)' (14 August 2020) explored the law behind the government's road law reforms to encourage cycling and walking during the COVID pandemic. Alex is the Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Road Transport Law at Imperial College London, based at the Centre for Transport Studies in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. His latest book, '[Advanced, Automated and Electric Vehicle Law](#)' (Bloomsbury 2024) deals with civil, criminal and public law including the environmental laws of AAEVs.

Insurance

Alex is experienced both in motor insurance work and in insurance law more broadly, including public liability insurance and issues of interpretation. His experience of insurance cases includes coverage for injury caused by security contractors at pubs, clubs and bars, advice and representation for insurers throughout the credit hire litigation and counter-fraud work for motor insurance companies, particularly in cases involving organised criminal networks and digital evidence. Recently he has advised the insurance industry on the effects of emerging transport technology and upon other significant insurance issues.

Personal Injury

Alex has long experience of serious personal injury cases, particularly of claims resulting from road traffic and industrial accidents. Alex deals with issues of complexity both in liability and the assessment of damages. He represents and advises both claimants and defendants, including insurers. His recent personal injury work includes a range of topics such as the treatment of advanced MRI scanning evidence in the courts' assessment of brain injury, the assessment of honesty in a brain injury case involving a patient, the modern approach to liability in cases involving emergency reactions to perilous situations while driving, and the liability of public service vehicles to injured cyclists where road design brings several road users into potential conflict.

Product Liability

Alex Glassbrook is expert in the product liability aspects of new transport technologies, including the legal treatment of downloaded software. He has advised industry on a range of issues including testing of prototypes. He advised Oxa on its historic first test of a fully-automated vehicle on a UK road in May 2022.

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Senior Research Fellow in Road Transport Law.

Public Law

Alex Glassbrook is expert in the public law aspects of new transport technologies including data protection, environmental, equality and highway law issues. He deals with new vehicle technology cases from micro mobility, e-scooter and e-bike cases to the testing of prototype vehicles, including issues relating to ADAS and automated driving systems and Vehicle Special Orders.

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Appointments

- The Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Road Transport Law, Imperial College London

Education

- Diploma in European Community Law, King’s College, University of London (2001)
- The Inns of Court School of Law (1995)
- CPE Diploma in Law, The City University (1994)
- BA (Hons) English Literature, Bristol University (1993)

Memberships

- British Insurance Law Association
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Society for Computers and Law
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Recommendations

- “the leading light in preparing the Bar for issues relating to driverless cars” (Chambers and Partners 2023)



- “A forensically minded barrister who knows the fine detail of matters but can also see the bigger picture” (Chambers and Partners 2023)
- “Meticulous in the approach to case preparation, understands the needs of the client and ensures they are the focus throughout” (Legal 500 – 2022)