Andrew Lyons

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Costs & Litigation Funding, Abuse, Credit Hire, Industrial Disease, Inquests, Clinical Negligence, Fraud, Employment & Discrimination



Andrew specialises in cases involving costs, personal injury (all areas including, clinical negligence and disease work), fraudulent claims and employment law.

For the last three years Andrew has been a leading Junior in the Legal 500 and is rated as a leading junior in personal injury, clinical negligence and costs.

Andrew was appointed to the Attorney General's Panel of Counsel in 2015.

He was appointed to the Education and Training Committee of the Bar Standards Board from 2010 until the end of 2015. From 2014 until the end of 2015 he was appointed to the Bar Standards Board Pupillage Committee.

Away from the Bar, his interests include wine, squash and travelling.

Costs & Litigation Funding

A very substantial part of Andrew's practice relates to costs litigation. Andrew regularly appears before Masters in the SCCO and before Regional Costs Judges and has appeared and advised in many different cost disputes. These include but are not limited to issues involving retainers (breach of the indemnity principle), ATE premiums, solicitor and client assessments, hourly rates, departure from costs budgeting, fixed costs and failure to engage in mediation/ early neutral evaluation.

Andrew has been recognised as a leading Junior in costs by both Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500 for the last four years. Comments from these legal directories include:

"He gets to know the case as thoroughly as the instructing solicitor does and really cares about winning and getting everything exactly right. He's committed and really good on his feet."

"He's very good at interpreting case law. A very fine advocate in court, who is very pleasant to deal with day in, day out."

"A bona fide costs specialist with an excellent grasp of the law; he fights hard for his clients without overstepping the mark."

Some of Andrew's recent reported costs cases include:

Celtic v Knowles [2022] EWHC 1223 (QB)

Swivel v Tecnolumen [2022] EWHC (Ch) Balaj & Ors v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2022] EWHC 1627 (SCCO) Elgamal v Westminster [2021] Costs L.R.973 Ketchion v McEwan [2018] 6 WLUK 625 Bratek v Clark [2018] 4 WLUK 577 Percy v Anderson-Young [2017] EWHC 2712 (QB)