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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Clinical Negligence, Insurance, Property, Property Damage



Andrew is a leading senior junior in the fields of personal injury and industrial disease recommended in Chambers UK and the Legal 500 for over 20 years. Andrew continues to practise from St John's Chambers in Bristol but is instructed nationwide by Defendants. He is known above all for being a formidable trial lawyer. He is ranked as a band 1 practitioner in personal injury and is listed as a disease expert in Chambers UK Spotlight table. He has been a member of the Government panel ('Treasury Counsel') since 2012. In 2018 he was appointed to the 'A' panel which is reserved for counsel expected to conduct work on the Government's behalf involving millions of pounds against KCs.

Andrew is instructed by all the national firms nearly always on behalf of defendants and their insurers, especially in cases involving fundamental dishonesty, catastrophic injuries, amputations, fatal accidents, chronic pain disorders, serious psychiatric injuries as well as asbestos-related disease, HAVS, occupational stress, sexual abuse and WRULDs. He has been involved in numerous reported or high profile cases in recent years. He opened the appeal on behalf of the successful defendants in *Denton v TH White*. He appeared for the Defendant in *Williams v Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board* [2022] EWHC 455 (clinical negligence), *Walkden v Drayton Manor Park* [2021] EWHC 2056 (fundamental dishonesty), *Arshdeep v Buttar Construction* [2021] EWCA Civ 1408 (interim payment tetraplegia), *ATX v CRS and DPS* (2019) *Kemp Quantum* (severe child brain injury and tetraplegia), *Smith v Secretary of State for Transport* [2020] EWHC 1954 (asbestosis), *Stewart v Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust* [2017], EWCA Civ 2091 (manual handling), *Dyson v Heart Of England NHS Trust* [2017] EWHC 1910 (clinical negligence), *Smith v Secretary of State for Transport* [2020] EWHC 1954 (asbestos). This year he comprehensively defeated a well known KC in a £1.6m fundamental dishonesty claim to widespread national acclaim.

Andrew acts primarily for defendants in complex clinical negligence cases.

In addition, he defends public authorities against claims for misuse of private information, breach of confidence and breach of Data Protection legislation.

Clinical Negligence

Andrew undertakes complex clinical negligence work involving difficult issues surrounding breach of duty and causation primarily on behalf of NHS Trusts in England and Local Health Boards in Wales.

He had notable success in the latter part of 2019, including the successful defence at trial of a claim against a Professor

of Colorectal Surgery who was accused of negligent execution of a laparoscopic colon resection in which it was alleged that there had been a negligent perforation of a ureter. Hitherto he defended a claim for inappropriate treatment of a suspected pulmonary embolism causing a fatal cerebral infarction which was tried by Sir Robert Francis KC. Presently he is involved in defending claims for alleged negligent spinal surgery and another claim for an alleged failure to treat Charcot arthropathy.

Andrew is able to provide detailed, high quality defences and other paperwork within a rapid time-frame and has seen this aspect of his caseload grow substantially this year.