

Andrew McLaughlin

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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.

Directories

Andrew has a fantastic attention to detail coupled with a very commercial and straightforward manner in dealing with things, taking the appropriate points. – Legal 500, 2025

"A forceful advocate. He has a brilliant manner and is sensible and down to earth. A shining star." – Chambers &

Partners, 2022

"Very hard-working, he never misses a deadline and his work is very detailed. He is absolutely first-rate and one of the most robust leaders in this space." – Chambers & Partners, 2022

"A brave advocate who will stand his corner in front of a difficult judge. Clients love him as he speaks their language and provides very sensible and commercial advice. 'He's excellent with clients, has a keen eye for detail and is a powerful and persuasive advocate.'" – Chambers & Partners, 2021

"Superb advocate, very good in Court. Also provides clear and concise advice which gets to the heart of a case without dwelling on peripheral issues. Very good manner with clients, relatable and engaging." – Legal 500, 2021

"Leading personal injury barrister in the Western Circuit, adept at handling a variety of issues including stress, RTA and industrial disease claims. 'He's thorough, analytical and provides very commercially pragmatic advice.' 'Technically superb and extremely forensic, yet still able to adopt a pragmatic approach to claims.' 'Very effective in court.'" – Chambers & Partners, 2020

"Primarily acts in the defence of clients in significant industrial disease and personal injury cases. He has an impressively deep understanding of areas stretching beyond asbestos diseases, offering enviable expertise in cases involving noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) and hand-arm vibration syndrome. 'He's particularly strong on procedure and good on his feet. He's easy to deal with and turns around papers very quickly.'" – Chambers & Partners, 2020

"An exceptionally good trial advocate, who is also incisive and pragmatic with his advice." – Legal 500, 2020

"Formidable on his feet; he takes no prisoners." – Legal 500, 2019

"Leading personal injury barrister in the Western Circuit, adept at handling a variety of issues including stress, RTA and industrial disease claims. His cases concern serious injuries sustained in accidents at work. 'He has a very good understanding of the case law and is an authority on asbestos claims.' 'He is knowledgeable, incisive, pays attention to the detail and is extremely efficient with his paperwork. He provides practical and thorough advice.'" – Chambers & Partners, 2019