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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Industrial Disease, Professional Negligence, Product Liability, Costs & Litigation Funding, Abuse, Public Authority Liability

Andrew specialises in serious personal injury and professional negligence litigation and has a wide experience of advisory and advocacy work at interlocutory, first instance and appellate level.

He is particularly interested in fatal accident claims, a subject on which he lectures regularly. He acts regularly in claims in relation to catastrophic injury including both brain injury claims and serious orthopaedic injury claims.

His practice includes litigation arising out of accidents at work, accidents involving motor vehicles and public liability accidents from injuries sustained on highways to those sustained when engaging in sports and recreations.

He undertakes a significant amount of clinical negligence and dental negligence litigation, specialising in the latter in part because his wife is a practicing General Dental Practitioner.

He also specializes in industrial disease litigation focusing upon noise induced hearing loss, occupational asthma, industrial dermatitis, repeated insult back injury and vibration white finger.

Andrew has been instructed at first instance and appellate level in respect of historic sex abuse claims involving children's homes and football clubs.

He is regularly instructed on Costs Management Conferences in Multi-Track claims of many types.

He is instructed by both Claimant and Defendant solicitors.

He is Deputy Head of Chambers and Head of the Civil Practice Group at Atlantic Chambers, Liverpool and is a former Northern Circuit Representative on the PIBA Executive Committee. He is recognised as a leading individual in the 2016 Legal 500.

### Personal Injury

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Andrew concentrates on high and medium value claims arising out of road traffic, public liability and employer's liability incidents.

He has a particular interest in fatal accident claims (a subject upon which he lectures regularly). Recent interesting cases include a successfully mediated claim on behalf of two children, one of whom although 19 was a protected party, both of whose parents were killed in a coach crash where the father was the driver and a settled claim where the deceased wife's decision to get back into a car which had suffered engine failure and was positioned on the hard shoulder of the motorway and which was then struck by a lorry raised difficult issues as to contributory negligence.

He is also instructed regularly in brain injury cases with recent instances including a successfully mediated claim in respect of brain injury to a young child from a difficult home where the lump sum award was £1,300,000 with periodical payments of £55,000 increasing to £112,000 prior to indexation, a claim turning upon the impact of an acquired brain injury upon a serving soldier's ability to continue his career in the armed forces and a successful claim where the then 11 year old claimant fell through a skylight when a trespasser on school property.

He appears in a wide range of claims where primary liability or contributory negligence is in dispute in relation to accidents at work, accidents involving motor vehicles and accidents in public places.

## **Appointments & Memberships**

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Andrew also practices from Atlantic Chambers in Liverpool where he is Deputy Head of Chambers and Head of the Civil Practice Group.

He is a former Northern Circuit Representative on the Executive Committee of the Personal Injury Bar Association.

Andrew is a member of the Personal Injury Bar Association

## **Directories**

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Andrew is listed as a Leading Individual in the 2016 Legal 500