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- Legal 500

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Variously described as "a fantastic proactive advocate with a quick turnaround", "very thorough and very clever", "very commercially aware", "excellent on his feet and not someone you want peering back at you if you are in the witness box", "especially effective in case heard in the Chancery Division", "extremely bright and approachable" and "a barrister who really understands solicitors' needs" Andrew is a courtroom advocate and team player who strives to obtain the best possible commercial results for his clients. Those clients include banks, building societies, secondary lenders, major insurers, well known plcs and prominent individuals.

Andrew cut his teeth at the Bar in the wake of the last property slump of the early 1990s and acted in many high profile cases on behalf of both lending institutions and professional indemnity insurers. He remains intimately involved in such issues as loan syndication, lending, valuations, conveyancing and related insurance issues.

Andrew regularly appears in all Divisions of the High Court, including the Commercial Court, the TCC and the Senior Courts Costs Office and has acted in many Arbitrations (both ICC and domestic). He also frequently attends mediations on behalf of clients where his commercial approach to legal problem solving is at the fore.

Andrew has a burgeoning and broad based commercial practice which encompasses all the major areas of work undertaken at 4 New Square. He lives with his young family in Central London and the French Alps and has a passion for sports (particularly winter sports, rugby and salmon fishing).

Privacy Policy

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Areas of Expertise

Professional Liability



“He has in-depth experience across a range of professional negligence disputes.” – *Legal 500, 2020*

“Exceptional ability.” – *Legal 500, 2019*

For many years Andrew has been listed as a leading junior in the field of professional liability by *The Legal 500*. His work in this area spans all the professions (save the medical profession) and he has regularly been instructed by all the leading insurers in the field. He has many reported cases to his name at first instance and in the Court of Appeal

Educational Professional Negligence

Andrew has a widespread and long-standing experience of breach of contract, professional negligence and discrimination claims in the education sector as well as claims alleging inadequate teaching. This experience spans common law claims and Employment Tribunal claims.

In an employment context Andrew has acted for a number of City and corporate clients defending of race, sex, disability and whistleblowing claims and a number of high-profile individuals bringing such claims in both the Employment Tribunal and the High Court. A number of these claims were asserted to have been the highest value such claims brought at the relevant time. Andrew has also acted for solicitors and Counsel alleged to have been professionally negligent in the conduct of such claims and have acted for disappointed litigants seeking to pursue such claims against their former legal advisers. The vast majority of these claims either settled or were summarily dismissed (when acting for Defendants) and are not reported but further, anonymised, details can be supplied on request.

Perhaps most pertinently Andrew acted for the Defendant barrister in the leading case of *Gosfield School v Birkett & Long LLP* [2006] PNLR 19. This case is commented upon in “Educational and Professional Negligence: claims for school fees and the defence of negligent education” Ed L.M. 2006.

Qualifications & Memberships

M.A. (Cantab.)