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### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Clinical Negligence, Industrial Disease, Professional Negligence, Product Liability, Costs, 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.

### Industrial Disease

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Andrew has lengthy and extensive experience in industrial disease litigation at advisory, first instance and appellate levels instructed by both Defendants and claimants.

He is particularly interested in the impact of limitation law on this field and has both lectured on the topic for many years and appeared in the Court of Appeal on limitation issues in relation both to industrial disease and other areas of personal injury litigation. Interesting limitation cases include:-

T v Boys & Girls Welfare Service [2004] EWCA Civ 1747, where he was instructed on behalf of a Claimant who had suffered abuse at a Welsh Children's Home and was seeking section 33 discretion;

X v Crewe Alexandra FC QBD Manchester 21/10/2004, instructed by Crewe on limitation issues in respect of alleged historic sex abuse of a player who went on to play professional football by a youth team manager;

Teague v Mersey Docks & Harbour Company & Ors [2008] EWCA Civ 1601 where he was instructed on behalf of the Defendant company on the limitation issues flowing from a claim by a docker;

McNally v Mersey Docks & Harbour Company and Dagnall v Ocean Logistics 91998) Ltd & Anr, instructed by the Defendant on two linked claims of noise induced hearing loss by dockers employed on the Liverpool Dock Estate which were successfully defended at first instance and where, although permission to appeal was given by the Court of Appeal (17/03/2011 B3/2010/2407 and 2408) the appeals were subsequently abandoned.

Andrew also appears regularly at trials concerning breach of duty, causation of loss and quantum in relation to a range of industrial diseases including asbestos related disease, work related upper limb disorder, vibration white finger, occupational asthma and other dust diseases and occupational dermatitis.

## **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