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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.

Public Authority Liability

Andrew's involvement in public authority liability litigation goes back many years and he has been instructed by numerous local authorities (both in their capacity as Highway Authority and otherwise) throughout England and Wales.

Interesting cases include:

Cassin v London Borough of Bexley & Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis (CA) (1999) L.G.L.R. 810 in relation to the liability of the Highway Authority where the Police directed the removal of bollards prior to a road in fact being closed to traffic;

Several claims over a number of years where, after transfer of a housing estates to Housing Associations, the extent of the persisting liability of a Local Authority under the Highways Act 1980 fell to be considered.

Andrew has also been instructed for, and against, Local Authorities in England and Wales in claims in respect of employment, highway design and maintenance and industrial disease.

Appointments & Memberships

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

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