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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Inquests

Andrew is a true personal injury specialist. The Legal 500 (2016 Edition) says that he “has a great ability to deal with problems in a no-nonsense way”. The 2015 Edition says that he “focuses on high value multi-track litigation, including amputee claims, fatal accidents and brain injuries”. He is regularly instructed as sole counsel in claims with a value of between £100,000 and £2,000,000. He has a balanced practice, acting both for claimants and defendants. He does not accept instructions in fast track cases. He is a member of the Attorney General’s Regional Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown.

Andrew is experienced:

- in acting as sole counsel handling multi-track claims involving serious orthopaedic, brachial plexus, chronic pain, psychiatric and brain injuries with a value of between £100,000 and £2,000,000;
- in acting as junior counsel in catastrophic injury and amputee claims with a value of up to £10,000,000;
- in acting in a range of multi-track employers’ liability, public liability and fatal accident claims;
- in advising government departments including the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Justice in many high-value non-freezing cold injury (NFCI) claims and stress at work claims; and
- in representing interested persons at inquests. He has considerable experience of Article 2 jury inquests arising from deaths in custody or on military training exercises.

Andrew also advises upon insurance policy coverage in claims involving the MIB; Section 151 Road Traffic Act 1988 insurers; Article 75 of the MIB’s Articles of Association; the scope of various EL and PL policies; and actions involving the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Acts 1930 and 2010.

Andrew is also a tenant at Exchange Chambers in Manchester.

Inquests

Andrew is experienced in representing the deceased's family or other interested parties at inquests. In his inquest work, Andrew adopts a sensitive and empathetic approach to inquest work but is robust when necessary. He has significant experience in conducting *Jamieson* and *Middleton* type inquests. He has been appointed to the Attorney General's Regional Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown.

Andrew's recent inquest work includes the following:-

- Andrew is currently instructed by the Ministry of Justice on behalf of the Prison Service in relation to a death in custody inquest arising from a death at H.M.P. Liverpool in February 2015. A ten-day jury inquest has been listed to be heard during January 2017.
- In October 2015, Andrew successfully represented the widow of a deceased motorcyclist at an inquest in Hereford.
- Andrew successfully represented a prison officer at a four-week jury inquest that took place in Liverpool during March 2015. The narrative conclusion made no criticism of Andrew's client.
- *In November 2014, Andrew represented the parents of a newly-born baby who died from ischaemic hypoxic encephalopathy shortly after being born. The inquest heard evidence concerning the mother's poorly controlled diabetic condition; the causal nexus between this and the death; and the procedures in place to monitor the mother's diabetic condition during pregnancy.*
- In September 2014, Andrew represented a prison governor at the inquest into the death of Raymond Morris in custody. Raymond Morris was convicted of the 1967 murder of schoolgirl Christine Darby and became known as the notorious Cannock Chase murderer;
- In August 2014, Andrew represented a prison governor at the inquest into the death of a prisoner due to his refusal to take medication. Given the evidence that the prisoner had received counselling and support from the prison's medical wing in respect of his decision, and had the capacity to make the decision, a conclusion of death by natural causes was reached; and
- In July 2014, Andrew represented the parents at the inquest into the death of their newly-born child from ischaemic hypoxic encephalopathy due to suffering bradycardia (fetal distress) shortly prior to being born. Issues arose as to the frequency of fetal heart-rate monitoring and the causal nexus between heart-rate monitoring and the development of bradycardia.

Qualifications & Awards

Winner of the Middle Temple Mooting Competition (2000)

Astbury Scholar of the Middle Temple (2000)

Sankey Scholar, Jesus College, Oxford University (1999)

British Academy Postgraduate Studentship (1998 – 1999)

Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2000)

C.L. (Bachelor of Civil Law), Jesus College, Oxford University (1999)

A. Jurisprudence, Jesus College, Oxford University (1998)

Bede's College, Manchester (1988 – 1995) (Head Boy)