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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Employment & Discrimination, Personal Injury, Industrial Disease, Fraud, Credit Hire

Andrew is a specialist employment and personal injury barrister. He accepts instructions across the full range of personal injury and employment work, with a particular focus on employers' liability, discrimination and whistleblowing claims.

Andrew has substantial advocacy experience and is comfortable dealing both with short interlocutory hearings and document-heavy multi-day trials. He favours being instructed early in proceedings and combines forensic legal advice with a pragmatic focus on the best outcome for the client.

Prior to starting pupillage in chambers, Andrew worked for a year at the Free Representation Unit supervising volunteers and running his own cases in employment law. He is a previous Chair and Treasurer of FRU.

Andrew is qualified to accept direct access instructions and he welcomes instructions on this basis in appropriate cases.

Personal Injury

Andrew acts for Claimants and Defendants in all aspects of personal injury law, with a particular focus on employers' liability claims and personal injury claims with an employment law element.

Andrew has a growing practice acting for both Claimants and Defendants in destructive occupational stress claims. Recent work in this area includes acting for two NHS employees who suffered psychological harm arising out of bullying by their managers, and advising a large bank on the personal injury elements of a claim intimated by a senior executive.

He is currently instructed, as junior counsel to Steven Snowden QC, for two of the Defendants in a High Court claim arising out of an accident on a motorway, where the Claimant is alleging negligent design and construction of the motorway.

Qualifications

BA (Hons), Law, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge

LLM, University College London

Bar Professional Training Course, Kaplan Law School

Appointments & Memberships

2014-15 Chair, Free Representation Unit

2015-16 Treasurer, Free Representation Unit

2016-17 Chair, Free Representation Unit

Employment Lawyers Association

Employment Law Bar Association

Person Injuries Bar Association

Free Representation Unit

Bar Pro Bono Unit