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Education

Andrew was educated at St. Bede's College, Manchester, where he was the Head Boy. He read law at Jesus College, Oxford University, where he was a Scholar. He also obtained the postgraduate law degree of Bachelor of Civil Law (B.C.L.) at Oxford University. He was Called to the Bar in July 2000.

Scholarships and Awards

Astbury Scholar of the Middle Temple
British Academy Postgraduate Scholar
Sankey Scholar, Jesus College, Oxford University

Professional Practice

Approximately 80% of Andrew's practice comprises personal injury litigation. He acts for both claimants and defendants. He has extensive experience of multi-track and fast track litigation involving the following issues in particular:-

- Brain and spinal injury cases;
- Brachial plexus injuries;
- Fatal accident claims;
- Occupiers' Liability claims;
- Employers' Liability claims;
- Road traffic accident claims;
- Credit hire cases (of any value);
- Animals Act claims;
- Issues of fraud and exaggeration.

The remaining 20% of Andrew's practice comprises insurance policy coverage advice relating to professional indemnity insurance; motor insurance; employers' and public liability insurance; jewellers' block insurance; and domestic and commercial property insurance. He acts for both insureds and insurers in claims by insureds for an indemnity. He also advises upon insurance brokers' professional negligence actions.

Recent Cases

- *Steven Kilmartin –v- Margaret Richards* (August 2011). Andrew acted for the Claimant who sustained a brachial plexus injury to his left shoulder and arm following a road traffic accident in October 2009. He obtained damages of £623,977 at a joint settlement meeting held in August 2011. The case is reported on Lawtel (LTLPL 30/09/2011; Document No. AM0201837);
- *David Bowen-Price –v- Rowlands and Hames Insurance Brokers Limited* (January 2011). Andrew acted for the Claimant whose arcade premises in Blackpool were destroyed by an arson attack. The insurer declined indemnity. The Claimant proceeded against his insurance brokers on the basis that they failed to pass on material information to the insurer such that the insurer's avoidance *ab initio* of the policy of insurance for material non-disclosure was caused by the brokers' negligence and / or breach of contract. The Claimant recovered substantial damages at a joint settlement meeting in January 2011.