

Andrew Ward

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Clerks' Details

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Appointments

- Attorney General's Regional Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown: 2012 - 2018
- Attorney General's Regional A Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown: 2018 - 2023

Memberships

- Northern Circuit
- Northern Circuit Medical Law Association
- Manchester and District Medico-Legal Society
- Personal Injuries Bar Association
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Insurance CV

Overview

Andrew regularly advises upon insurance policy coverage issues related to personal injury litigation (e.g.: claims involving the MIB; Section 151 of the Road Traffic Act 1988; Article 75 of the MIB's Articles of Association; and actions involving the Third Parties (Rights Against Insurers) Acts 1930 and 2010).

Recommendations

“He is pleasant to deal with.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Andrew has an eye for detail and he is quick to identify the critical issues, the evidence required, and the relevant law and case law.”

The Legal 500 2024

“He is excellent.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

“Andrew is a very clever barrister.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

‘Andrew is a very measured and persuasive advocate at court. He is never flustered, he is scrupulously polite and he is devastatingly effective. He knows his specialist area of the law backwards, he rarely pursues bad points and he is a very sensible opponent.’

The Legal 500, 2023

“He is technically very good, with an eye for detail. He sees the overall picture but doesn’t lose sight of more minute detail that is important to the case. He also has a lovely manner with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Andrew is extremely well-versed and knowledgeable in all aspects of military claims. Andrew has an unrivalled knowledge on non-freezing cold injury claims, and has an excellent rapport and relationship with client’s. Their Advices are clear and consistent. They are very good on their feet, particularly in tricky JSM scenarios and in Court. Quick thinking, but with a practical aspect to benefit the client. I would not hesitate to instruct Andrew on any complex injury or military claim.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“Very strong on military matters and earns the trust of his clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“A lawyer of real quality. He is intellectually the equal of anybody. He has a wide and extensive knowledge of personal injury cases at the highest level and comes at them with balance, because he represents both Claimant and Defendant firms. Brings an intensity to cases that pays dividends.”

The Legal 500, 2021

“Very good both on paper and on his feet.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Responsive, available and has great attention to detail.”

The Legal 500, 2022

“Very experienced in high-value catastrophic injury cases.”

The Legal 500, 2018/19

“His work on papers is very accessible, and he has a forensic way of looking at medical evidence in a case.” “He is an accomplished junior who is a pleasure to work with and has a keen eye for detail.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Very approachable and able to relate to lay clients on their level and explain difficult concepts in easily accessible terms.” “Good on paper and a very good advocate at application hearings.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“He is very accessible and good with the clients, and he takes a good common-sense approach.” “He is very smooth, very knowledgeable, and always in control.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“He has excellent client-care skills.”

The Legal 500, 2017

“He has a great ability to deal with problems in a no-nonsense way.”

The Legal 500, 2016

“He focuses on high-value multi-track litigation, including amputee claims, fatal accidents and brain injuries.”

The Legal 500, 2015

Cases

In December 2016, Andrew obtained a substantial settlement on behalf of a claimant in a legally complex Vnuk-type personal injury claim. The case concerned the construction of the words “road or other public place” within the meaning of Section 145(3)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 together with the correct construction of the “use” clauses in two insurance policies.

During November 2016, Andrew advised an insurance broker with delegated authority to enter into policies of life assurance in respect of a dispute about the rate of commission payable.

In March 2016, Andrew advised a former company director as to the scope and application of a policy of Directors’ and Officers’ (“D&O”) insurance in the context of criminal proceedings brought against the director by HMRC.

During March 2016, Andrew advised a firm of solicitors that has a delegated authority from a motor insurer to handle personal injury claims as to various issues concerning the scope and application of Section 151 of the Road Traffic Act 1988; Article 75 of the MIB’s Articles of Association; recovery actions against policyholders under Section 151(8); and various actions involving the MIB.

During 2015, Andrew successfully represented a well-known book-maker in an action for professional negligence against its insurance broker. A fire destroyed the book-maker’s head office. Its insurer only paid out a modest sum. The book-maker pursued its insurance broker on the grounds that its negligence had caused it to be under-insured in respect of various heads of loss and uninsured in respect of others. The claim settled on satisfactory terms.

In 2014, Andrew represented a well-known defendant insurance company at a trial in Birmingham concerning a subrogated claim by another insurer for reimbursement of sums paid out to an insured school when a motorist negligent drove into its wall. The case raised a novel point on the construction of Section 152 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 concerning the obtaining of declarations of avoidance.

Acting as a led junior (along with Digby Jess) during 2013 on behalf of c.10,000 claimants who brought professional negligence actions against the various firms of solicitors that handled the conveyances of their council homes pursuant to the government’s right to buy scheme. The cases raised interesting issues as to the scope of a conveyancing solicitor’s duty of care.

Acting for a claimant in a professional negligence action against his insurance brokers. The claimant's amusement arcade in Blackpool was destroyed in an arson attack. The insurer avoided his policy of insurance ab initio for various material non-disclosures. Proceedings were brought against the claimant's insurance brokers on the basis that their negligence / breach of contract caused any material non-disclosures to occur. The case concluded successfully at a joint settlement meeting in 2011.

Education

- St. Bede's College, Manchester (1988 – 1995) (Head Boy, 1994 – 1995)
- B.A. (Jurisprudence), Jesus College, Oxford University
- B.C.L. (Bachelor of Civil Law), Jesus College, Oxford University
- Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2000)
- British Academy Postgraduate Scholarship (1998 – 1999)
- Sankey Scholar, Jesus College, Oxford University (1999)
- Astbury Scholar of the Middle Temple (2000)
- Winner of the Middle Temple Mooting Competition (2000)

Beyond the Bar

Andrew enjoys spending time with his young family. He is a Mansell Patron of Jesus College, Oxford.