

Andrew Vinson

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Appointments

- Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A)

Memberships

- Chancery Bar Association
- Northern Chancery Bar Association (Former Secretary)
- Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

Education

- BA (Hons) Modern History, The Queen's College, Oxford (Class I, 1998)
- Common Professional Examination, The College of Law (Distinction, 1999)
- Bar Vocational Course, The Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2000)
- Harmsworth Exhibition, Middle Temple (1999)

Local Government & Social Housing CV Overview

Andrew regularly acts for local authorities and registered social landlords within his chancery and commercial practice and is well aware of the unique position of those entities as litigants. He is frequently instructed in relation to:

- Residential and Business landlord and tenant issues including possession, lease construction, service charge, dilapidation and anti-social behaviour issues
- Contractual disputes including construction matters
Property disputes
- Insolvency matters
- Professional negligence issues

He regularly applies for injunctions on behalf of local authorities and registered social landlords and strives in every case to respond promptly to the needs of his client and provide the best practical and commercial solution to legal problems.

Cases

Andrew's reported cases involving local authorities and registered social landlords include:

Helena Housing v Pinder and Others [2006] HLR 2 – creation of tenancies

Doran v Liverpool City Council and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2009) NPC 35 – determination of licences, possession proceedings and Human Rights

Other recent notable cases in this area include:

Advising a local authority with regard to the enforceability of covenants contained within its standard transfer form and also as to the means by which it could seek to secure repayment of grant moneys advanced by it

Successfully defending a concerted challenge to the rent review provisions of a registered social landlord's standard tenancy agreement

Successfully defending a claim against a local authority for registration of a large area of land on the basis of adverse possession

Advising a local authority in relation to its obligations where it entered land to carry out statutory works advising a local authority in relation to its powers of foreclosure

Advising local authorities in relation to professional negligence claims against its advisors, including planning consultants

Recommendations

“He is extremely intelligent and extremely knowledgeable, and is able to channel his knowledge into being a really effective barrister. He makes effective submissions to judges and doesn’t lose sight of the structure of his arguments.” “He delivers his advice with conviction and confidence. When he tells you something it becomes believable and persuasive, which clients like, and it adds value.”

“He is very commercially minded and a fount of knowledge in chancery matters.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Robust and to the point. He has a good grasp of difficult concepts.”

“Well-prepared, calm and effective advocate who gets his point across succinctly.”

The Legal 500 2022

Andrew has been consistently recommended for chancery and commercial litigation in the legal directories every year since 2007.

“His legal knowledge and analysis are superb.” “He is a very good black letter lawyer, who presents his cases very well on paper and has real clarity of thought.” “He gives very practical advice.”

“He is very thorough, with a good handle on difficult situations.” “He really knows his stuff and is very pragmatic.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Andrew is both thorough and knowledgeable. He is approachable and very hard working. I have no hesitation in recommending and referring my clients to him safe in the knowledge that they will be very well represented both with his written advice and as an advocate at court.”

“Attention to detail, ability to breakdown complex issues and discuss with the client in a meaningful way, honest and clear advice.”

The Legal 500 2021

“He gives very good, practical advice with sound legal reasoning.”

“He is pragmatic, clear and his advocacy is very persuasive. He won’t shy away from difficult arguments.”

“He is detailed, effective and strategic.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Personable, thorough and intelligent.”

The Legal 500 2020

“He does a fantastic job and really cares for his clients.”

“He is very intelligent, as well as being straight-talking, pragmatic and diplomatic. He is sympathetic, honest and does not mess around.”

“A good commercial man who’s very good at giving advice to corporate clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He reads the court well.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is one of the true intellectuals at the Bar, and really is a smart chap.”

“Andrew is frighteningly efficient, extremely clever and reads a case very well.”

“He is considered and measured.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

Beyond the Bar

Andrew is widely travelled and enjoys skiing, walking and photography.