

Andrew Ward

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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

Inquests CV

Overview

Andrew is experienced in representing the deceased's family or other Interested Persons at inquests.

In his inquest work, Andrew draws upon his expertise in medical and healthcare issues deriving from his practice as a leading personal injury junior.

He adopts a sensitive and empathetic approach to inquest work, but is robust when necessary.

Andrew is a member of the Attorney-General's Regional A Panel of Junior Counsel to the Crown. In this capacity, he has significant experience in representing the Ministry of Justice at Article 2 compliant jury inquests touching upon deaths in prison custody.

Recommendations

“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

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

Chambers and Partners 2020

“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

“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

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

The Legal 500, 2020

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

The Legal 500, 2018/19

“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

Andrew’s recent inquest work includes the following:-

During June and July 2018, Andrew represented the Ministry of Justice on behalf of the Prison Service during a two-week Article 2 compliant jury inquest arising from a death in custody at H.M.P. Hindley.

Andrew represented a healthcare provider at a two-week Article 2 compliant jury inquest in July 2017 arising from a death in custody.

Andrew represented the Ministry of Justice on behalf of the Prison Service and the National Probation Service at a five-day Article 2 compliant jury inquest during April 2017 arising from the death of a prisoner who had absconded from Approved Premises shortly after being released from prison on licence. The narrative conclusion made no criticism of Andrew’s clients and the Coroner declined to make a report under Rule 28 to prevent future deaths.

During January 2017, Andrew represented the Ministry of Justice on behalf of the Prison Service at an inquest arising from a death in custody at H.M.P. Liverpool in February 2015. The Article 2 compliant jury inquest concluded that the cause of death was unascertained. No criticism of Andrew’s client was made.

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.

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.

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.