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OVERVIEW

Andrew is a senior and highly-experienced silk specialising in real estate and related disputes; company/joint venture disputes; commercial and investment disputes; and claims involving professionals and service providers.

He appears in courts and tribunals at all levels, and acts as an arbitrator, legal expert and legal assessor, including in statutory arbitrations under the Pubs Code. He has engaged with public inquiries and Parliamentary committees, and has acted as an expert witness on English law and as an examiner under letters of request to the English courts.

Andrew is also a past Chair of the Bar Council of England and Wales.

He is known for his strong focus on clients' commercial aims and concerns, and for his understanding of the different needs and demands of the alternatives to litigation. His approach is flexible, but will often involve early in-depth analysis; strategy formulation; navigating a range of dispute resolution options; and providing timely and incisive advice on key issues arising in a dispute or potential transaction.

His caseload covers a wide range of business sectors, particularly investment and development, finance, accountancy, insurance, hotels, pubs and leisure, retail, transport/distribution, ports, airports, infrastructure, utilities, telecoms, energy generation, manufacturing, trade, raw materials, later living, care homes, property agency, housing, agriculture, forestry, and education.

EXPERTISE

REAL ESTATE

Andrew is instructed in substantial or complex property disputes of every type in relation to all types of real estate and in all sectors, and provides advisory support in relation to transactions relating to property.

He also acts in property-related disputes concerning corporate, partnership and other joint venture arrangements; real estate finance and securities arrangements; development and construction projects; valuation; insolvency; fraud; asset recovery; and disposals and acquisitions.

He has property disputes experience in a wide range of business sectors, including commercial and residential investment and development, finance, hotels, pubs and leisure, retail, transport/distribution, ports, airports, infrastructure, utilities, energy generation, raw materials, later living, care homes, housing, agriculture, forestry, education, telecoms and IT.

Recent work has included:

- Development and planning promotion disputes relating to greenfield, brownfield and urban sites/proposals, including related planning and construction law issues
- Enforcement of options
- Company shareholder / joint venture / LLP disputes in the property sector
- Utility rights over development land
- Rights of way (including the recent substantial litigation in South Tees Development Corp & Anor v PD Teesport Ltd [2024] EWHC 214 (Ch) (also [2023] EWHC 2229 (Ch), [2023] EWHC 2270 (Ch), [2023] EWHC 2787 (Ch), [2024] EWHC 842 (Ch)))
- Variations to land rights
- Present and future leasehold issues affecting the retirement living sector
- The impact of planning and highways infrastructure proposals
- Land valuation
- Complex and unusual commercial dilapidations claims
- Commercial and residential leasehold disputes
- Applications for landlord's consent
- Ownership and adverse possession
- Leasehold enfranchisement in prime central London
- Arbitrations and expert determinations, as both arbitrator/expert and legal assessor (including under the Pubs Code)
- Restrictive covenant disputes, investigations, and related planning issues
- Misrepresentation
- Land registration
- Tower block cladding
- Riverside rights
- Rating
- Compulsory purchase (in England and overseas)
- Rent review
- Defective securities
- Conflict of laws/jurisdiction

- Strata title (Commonwealth equivalent to commonhold)

COMPANY & PARTNERSHIP

Andrew's practice in contentious corporate disputes has included areas such as:

- Company / joint venture / LLP disputes (with particular expertise in the property sector)
- Directors' duties
- Unfair prejudice
- Tainted transactions
- Economic torts
- Contentious appointments, meetings and resolutions
- Company securities
- Service of documents
- Receiverships and asset recovery
- Duties arising on own-share acquisitions
- Effects of dissolution
- Accounting practices
- Strata corporation disputes (Commonwealth equivalent to a commonhold association in England)
- Other company/corporate law issues in overseas jurisdictions

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

Andrew deals with general commercial and investment disputes in a wide range of business sectors, including property investment and development, loan and equity finance, hotel and leisure, retail, transport, infrastructure, utilities, auctioneers, agency, care homes, housing, education, UK and international trade and distribution, telecoms and IT.

He also has specific expertise in disputes focusing on asset values: e.g. property assets, financial assets, investment portfolios, companies, shareholdings, businesses, pension funds, and art works.

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

Andrew acts in claims of all types (including negligence, fraud and breaches of fiduciary duty) against professionals (non-medical) and commercial service providers.

His wide-ranging expertise includes claims for and against solicitors, barristers, surveyors, property valuers, actuaries, auctioneers/art valuers, pension consultants, personal and corporate tax advisors, and financial

advisors/intermediaries.

CIVIL FRAUD

Andrew is instructed to act in cases involving civil fraud linked to his other areas of expertise, particularly where property/financial assets or professionals are involved.

INSOLVENCY & ASSET RECOVERY

Andrew is instructed to act in cases involving contentious insolvency and asset recovery linked to his other areas of expertise, particularly in the property and property finance sector.

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Andrew is instructed to act in cases involving financial professionals and financial services, particularly in the area of real estate finance.

ADR

Andrew has a wide range of experience as an advocate and advisor in mediations, arbitrations and expert determinations, and understands the different needs and demands of these ADR processes.

MEMBERSHIPS

- UK legal profession expert/representative, CCBE Deontology Committee (the committee of the European lawyers' organisation dealing with lawyers' ethics and professional rules), 2022- (Vice-Chair, 2024-)
- Bar Council UK: EU Trade and Co-Operation Agreement Working Group (Chair), 2024- 2025
- King's/Queen's Counsel Selection Panel, 2020-2022
- UCL Independent Review of Legal Services Regulation, advisory panel, 2019-2020
- Chair of the Bar Council of England & Wales, 2018 (Vice-Chair, 2017)
- Bar Council (elected Member), 2005-2016. Past Chair, Ethics Committee; Past Vice-Chair, Law Reform

and Access to the Bar Committees
- Lincoln's Inn (Bencher)
- Trinity Law Association (Chair, 2019-)
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- Property Bar Association
- Chancery Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Financial Services Lawyers Association
- Slynn Foundation delivery group (a charity focusing on judiciaries and the rule of law overseas; appointed for expertise on legal profession codes of conduct), 2014-2017
- Trustee of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, 2025-
- Trustee of The Conservation Volunteers (a charity which works across the UK connecting people and green spaces), 2019-2026
- Trustee of The Industry and Parliament Trust (a charity which seeks to develop mutual understanding between the UK Parliament and the worlds of business and commerce), 2012-2023

QUALIFICATIONS

- Trinity College, Cambridge (MA)

APPOINTMENTS

- Recorder (Crime), 2020-

DIRECTORY QUOTES

"Andrew is a superb lawyer. His analysis and attention to detail are excellent. His client service is invaluable. A true team player, he will always help regardless of time pressure."

CHAMBERS UK REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2027)

"Andrew's intelligence and commercial experience set him apart from others."

LEGAL 500 UK PROPERTY LITIGATION (2027)

"Andrew is going from strength to strength."

CHAMBERS UK REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2027)

"Andrew is one of the most incredible people I've worked with. He is well suited to complex problems that need intellect. He takes a complex situation and completely unpacks it and puts it back together in terms of strategy."

CHAMBERS UK AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS (2027)

"Andrew is very good. He leaves no stone unturned. He is bright, clever and an effective advocate."

CHAMBERS UK AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS (2027)

"His reputation precedes him. Andrew is one of the most user-friendly and client-friendly silks I have ever worked with. He's superb in all respects."

CHAMBERS UK REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2027)

"Andrew is extremely bright but wears his intelligence lightly."

CHAMBERS UK BAR REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2026)

"Andrew is academic and able to work through highly complex legal and factual issues. He is also incredibly user-friendly and a pleasure to work with."

CHAMBERS UK BAR AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS (2026)

"Andrew is a brilliant barrister. He is clear, quick and a pleasure to work with."

CHAMBERS UK: REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2025)

"Andrew is very bright, very sensible, and easy to engage with and talk to. "

CHAMBERS UK: REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2025)

"Andrew is breathtakingly good. He's excellent at analysis and with his in-game management when he's in the court and managing his opponents."

CHAMBERS UK: REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2025)

"Andrew is excellent at analysis and case management as well as in the court and at managing his opponents."

CHAMBERS UK: AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS (2025)

"His expertise in finding a way forward on difficult legal issues is never-ending."

CHAMBERS UK REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2024)

"A top property litigation. Extremely good in terms of analysis and advocacy."

CHAMBERS UK REAL ESTATE LITIGATION (2024)

"Andrew Walker is forensic and exceptional when it comes to the law. He manages to pull everything together so his take on things aligns with the right commercial approach."

CHAMBERS UK AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS (2024)