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Andrew specializes in public law, public inquiries and investigations, public procurement and information law. Andrew has a broad public law practice with a particular emphasis on the fields of human rights, health and community care law, local government, planning and environmental law, professional discipline and regulatory law and education law. Andrew acts for individuals, charities, companies, NGOs, central and local government bodies and foreign governments in domestic and European courts. Until he took Silk in 2018, Andrew was a long-standing member of the Attorney General's A panel of junior counsel, representing government bodies on some of their most important and difficult cases.

Andrew is ranked by the legal directories as a leading Silk in administrative and public law, local government law, public inquiries and inquests, education, community care, and information law. In 2020, Andrew was nominated for 'Public Law Silk of the year' by The Legal 500.

Andrew is a co-author of the leading practitioners' textbook, *Judicial Review: Principles and Procedure* (OUP, 2013) (2nd edn forthcoming in 2025)



In advocacy, Andrew has the ability to grasp the most intricate of details and focus on the salient factors without losing his audience. His advice is exceptional and his knowledge base in specific disciplines appears to have no parameter.

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Andrew is also a contributor to R McManus KC, Education and the Courts, P Coppel KC, Information Rights and Atkins Court Forms on Human Rights. Andrew sits part-time as a recorder in the Crown Court.

Expertise

Health & Community Care

Andrew has a busy healthcare practice acting for CCGs, regulatory bodies and individuals in complex public law, commercial and public procurement disputes. Andrew also has a very diverse community care practice relating to both adults and children. A number of his cases raise complex human rights and immigration issues. He regularly works for claimants and local authorities and central government. Andrew has been instructed by local authorities and the police to carry out safeguarding reviews.



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R (British Medical Association) v Northamptonshire CC, Nene CCG and others

(2020) ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

Andrew is acting for two CCGs resisting a challenge brought by the BMA who contend that the local authority and CCGs are required to pay GPs for the provision of safeguarding information.

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R (Randall) v Royal College of Physicians

(2019) (ADMINISTRATIVE COURT)

High profile challenge by a number of doctors to the Royal College of Physicians' decision to take a "neutral stance" on assisted dying. Andrew successfully resisted the challenge persuading the Court that it was unarguable.

R (Med Chambers Ltd) v Medco Registration Solutions Ltd

[2017] EWHC 3258 (ADMIN)

Andrew acted for a group of medical reporting organisations in a challenge to the decision of Med Co (the regulator for MROs for whiplash claims) to suspend the access of the Claimants to the MedCo Portal Scheme. The claim raised issues of procedural fairness both at common law and under Article 6 ECHR, fettering of discretion and a breach of Article 1 of Protocol 1 ECHR.

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McDonald v United Kingdom

[2016] 60 EHRR 1

Andrew acted for the United Kingdom Government in the leading Strasbourg case on Article 8 ECHR and community Care provision.

R (Q) v Leicestershire County Council

[2016] EWHC 2087

Andrew acted for the Council in a challenge to Council's age assessment of asylum seeking young person.

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R (Care England v Essex Council Council)

(2018) 21 CL REP 109

Andrew acted for Essex County Council successfully resisting a challenge to the rates that it pays to care homes to look after adults for whom it is responsible. This was the first Care Home Fees challenge under the Care Act 2014.

R (Karia) v Leicester City Council

[2015] 141 BMLR 163

Andrew successfully resisted a wide-ranging challenge to a Council's decision to close all its care homes.

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Achievements

Education

Andrew graduated with a first in law from Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London. He obtained an LLM from the College of William and Mary, Virginia and the BCL from Worcester College, Oxford. He also has a post-graduate diploma in Public Procurement law from Nottingham University.

Other

Andrew was a visiting fellow of constitutional law at Brunel University. He recently acted as a guest lecturer on the Public Procurement LLM at Nottingham University. He was also a Pegasus Scholar at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

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Brilliant with clients and very bright.

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He has brilliant client-handling skills and is a pleasure to work with

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He is very down-to-earth, bright and incisive. He gives comprehensive and pragmatic advice...

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He is tactically astute and aggressive in court when you need him to be

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An excellent legal brain

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An excellent lawyer and a pleasant opponent

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He has a very personable manner and is also very responsive. Underneath his mild exterior lies a tenacious advocate...

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Judges really like him as he is clear and precise

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