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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)



An education law guru. He is an exceptional advocate, a brilliant tactician, and gives pragmatic advice.

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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

Procurement

Andrew has a substantial public procurement practice acting for local authorities, central government bodies and companies in challenges to procurement decisions. Andrew's procurement practice often concerns the overlap between public procurement law and public law. He successfully defended three local authorities in a judicial review challenge to their procurement policy relating to Israel and the occupied territories. Andrew is a Visiting Lecturer in Public Procurement Law at the University of Nottingham where he helps teach the LLM in Public Procurement law.

Marston Holdings v Oxfordshire County Council

(2020) (TCC)

Andrew acted for Oxfordshire County Council in a multimillion pound dispute over the procurement of parking services.

Cumbria Chamber of Commerce v Allerdale Borough Council

(2020) (TCC)

Andrew is acting for Allerdale Borough Council in a dispute over the procurement of IT services.

R (Jewish Human Rights Watch) v Leicester City Council

[2019] PTSR 488 (COURT OF APPEAL)

Andrew successfully resisted a high profile challenge to the legality of Council's resolutions boycotting goods from the Occupied Palestinian Territories. This case raised complex issues of public, discrimination and public procurement law.

Successful challenge to the Legal Aid Agency's Criminal Legal Aid procurement.

TCC (2017)

Acted in this (and several other) challenges to decisions made by the Lord Chancellor in relation to the Duty Provider Crime Contracts. The challenges were brought pursuant to the Public Contracts Regulations 2006. Instructed by Bindmans and various criminal legal aid firms directly.

R (Bassett Law BC) v Department for Local Government and Communities

(2017) (TCC)

Successful challenge to the Secretary of State's decision to claw back £80,000 for a Works contract on the grounds that the Council had acted contrary to the EU Public Procurement Directive.

DWF v Insolvency Service

[2014] EWCA CIV 900

High profile challenge to the Insolvency Service's procurement of legal services in England, Wales and Scotland. The leading Court of Appeal authority on automatic suspensions.

Countryside Properties v London Borough of Waltham Forest

N/A

£30 million challenge to the Council's decision to award a contract for the regeneration works of a large estate. Case settled.

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.



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

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An excellent legal brain

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Judges really like him as he is clear and precise

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An excellent lawyer and a pleasant opponent

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Bright, responsive and highly commercial

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