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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)



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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

Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Andrew regularly acts for regulators and individuals both in disciplinary tribunals and in domestic courts challenging such tribunal's decisions. He had particular experience of the accountancy, healthcare, legal and education sectors. Andrew has acted for and against Ofsted. He has acted for the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales for over a decade advising them on their disciplinary arrangements and acting in disciplinary matters. Andrew is one of only three KCs appointed to act for the Bar Standards Board in disciplinary cases against barristers.

Andrew is currently acting on behalf of the Department for Education in a number of disputes concerning banning staff implicated in the Trojan Horse scandal in Birmingham from the management of schools.

R (X School and Y Local Authority) v Ofsted

2018 (ADMINISTRATIVE COURT)

Successful application on behalf of school and local authority for an injunction restraining Ofsted from publishing a report critical of a Special School.

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.

Zebedia v Department for Education

[2016] EWHC 1181

Claim brought by a famous pianist challenging a life-long ban from teaching.

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 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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Bright, responsive and highly commercial

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