

# Andrew Sharland KC

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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)



***Andrew Sharland KC  
is very good.***

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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

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## Public Inquiries & Inquests

Andrew has a significant Public Inquires and Inquests practice. He has acted for three different public bodies and the Liberal Democrats in various strands of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). He also acted for a large corporation in the recent Brook House Inquiry into alleged mistreatment at Brook House Removal Centre.



***Andrew's advice is always quite clear, and he is very good at the written documents.***

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### Brook House Public Inquiry

(2021-2022)

Andrew acts for an international corporation (and core participant) in the public inquiry investigating alleged mistreatment at Brook House Removal Centre, Sussex.

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### IICSA Inquiry into organized child sexual exploitation

2020

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### IICSA investigation into the Nottinghamshire Councils

2018

Andrew acted for Nottinghamshire County Council in a three week public inquiry before IICSA. The scope of the inquiry was very broad: it concerned mistreatment of children in the care of the Nottinghamshire Councils from 1945 to the present day.

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## Mary Farrell v HM Senior Coroner for North East Hampshire

[2021] INQUEST LR 93

Andrew acted for the Coroner in an application brought by the mother of a deceased to quash and inquest on the basis that there was insufficient investigation of the death by the Coroner.

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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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***Bright, responsive and highly commercial***

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