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BARRISTERS

Andrew Lewis QC



Education

1984: BA (Hons)
Business Law (2.1)

1985: Bar Finals
(2.2)

Career

1985: Pupil at 2
Gray's Inn Square,
London

1986: Tenant at 2
Gray's Inn Square,
London

1991: Tenant at
Sovereign Chambers,
Leeds

2001: Recorder
(civil)

2004: Recorder
(crime)

2009: Silk

2010: Deputy High
Court Judge

2012: Head of
Chambers, Sovereign
Chambers

2015: Sovereign
Chambers becomes Park
Square Barristers

2015: Joint Head of
Chambers, Park Square
Barristers

Personal Injury

Andrew Lewis QC has vast experience in all areas of personal injury and clinical negligence work, having specialised in this field since joining the Bar. According to Chambers and Partners 2016, Andrew “is exceptionally good. A modern, user-friendly silk who is very bright and very capable. He is an extremely able advocate with a very attractive way of getting a judge’s attention.”

“A standout advocate who gives clear advice.” “Andrew is a safe pair of hands. He always provides sound advice, is down to earth and so easy to deal with, always putting clients at their ease.” – Chambers and Partners (2017)

He is a contributor to *Butterworth’s Personal Injury Litigation Service*.

Personal injury

Andrew’s personal-injury practice consists largely of fatal and catastrophic injury claims, particularly brain and spinal-cord injury cases. He is very experienced in work involving competing claims of exaggeration/fraud versus subtle brain injury/chronic pain/somatoform disorder.

In his employer’s liability work, Andrew will also become involved in conducting inquests and defending health & safety prosecutions.

Clinical negligence

Andrew Lewis QC offers vast experience in all areas of clinical negligence work. He works for claimants, the NHS and GPs, undertaking cases of all types up to the most serious cerebral palsy negligent-birth claims.

Andrew has dealt with a wide range of claims, with particular experience of accident & emergency and orthopaedic failures, obstetric claims (cerebral palsy/shoulder dystocia), paediatric cardiac surgery, delayed diagnosis of cancer, gastro-intestinal claims and failed cosmetic surgery.

Andrew’s work not only includes drafting, advising and court work but he attends a considerable number of joint settlement meetings and mediations in high-value claims.

“Clients like him. He has a grasp of what is required in these cases, is not out of touch and clients take to him immediately.” “He is quick to grasp things and will raise questions ahead of any meeting if he needs to, so everything runs much more smoothly.” – Chambers and Partners (2017)

Industrial disease

His disease work is now largely based around asbestos-induced mesothelioma claims, and he works for claimant or defendant.

"A strong negotiator with excellent client-handling skills and courtroom abilities." (2016 The Legal 500)

- "He has a very calm manner which puts the clients at ease." "He doesn't get bogged down in the unnecessary issues." "He's very tenacious; he's got good judgement and is prepared to fight." – Chambers and Partners (2016)
- "Andrew Lewis QC...is a skilled and articulate advocate, with a very easy-going manner, and gets on very well with clients. He is recommended for catastrophic injury claims." (2016 Legal 500)
- "An absolutely superb barrister, he is tremendous with clients and never lets us down." (Chambers and Partners 2015)
- "He has an excellent grasp of papers, is adaptable in negotiations, and is adept at judging client meetings." – The Legal 500 (2015)
- "He is a charming person and is capable of simplifying challenging law and medical issues." (2015 Chambers and Partners)
- He is very competent. A fair and good advocate." (2014 Chambers and Partners)
- "Andrew Lewis QC... is a first-class lawyer with great attention to detail and a wonderful way with clients. He tackles both personal injury and clinical negligence cases." (2013 Chambers and Partners)
- "Andrew Lewis QC... is respected by his opponents. His practice is split between personal injury and clinical negligence." (2012 Chambers and Partners)
- "Andrew Lewis QC... is very well regarded among peers..." (2012 Legal 500)
- Andrew Lewis QC "...has vast experience of many severe injury cases, including brain and spinal injuries claims. According to peers, he is a 'disarmingly charming advocate who goes about his business in a highly effective way.'" (2011)
- "Andrew Lewis QC is thought to be 'one of the most approachable silks in the country.' He is popular amongst solicitors and fellow barristers as he offers 'well-rounded and meticulously thought-out advice'." (2010)
- "Andrew Lewis is highly recommended for his clinical negligence work and noted to be 'remarkably pragmatic, user-friendly and terrifically strong on his feet'." (2009)
- "He was described as a "first class practitioner whom clients trust implicitly... A real star...Clever in court and astute in negotiations." (2008)
- He was regarded as "a polished performer with a charming and urbane manner" (2007)

Notable cases

- Riaz v Norwich Union [2009]
- Burgin v Sheffield [2005]
- Hensar Leather v Securicor [2002]
- Totty v Snowden [2001]

Civil Fraud

Andrew Lewis QC continues to be noted by instructing defendant solicitors for his expertise in claims relating to fraud, particularly high-value fraud claims. He has led juniors in the Court of Appeal in cases involving credit hire and the use and value of expert engineering evidence.

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Andrew regularly lectures in his specialist fields of practice and has recently been invited to speak on judicial attitudes to fraud at the Insurance Fraud Investigators Group (IFIG)

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Regulatory & Public

Andrew Lewis QC regularly defends health & safety prosecutions, usually those involving catastrophic or fatal injury. He regularly attends coroners' hearings, not only in respect of accidents at work but also fatalities in road traffic accidents and children in school care. He also undertakes work involving professional disciplinary tribunals.

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