

Andrew Vinson



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Appointments

Recorder (Northern Circuit 2023)

Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel A)

Member of the Legal Services Panel of the Government of the Virgin Islands

Lead Ethics Trainer for the Northern Circuit

Member of the Liverpool Business and Property Court Forum Committee

Memberships

Chancery Bar Association

Northern Business and Property Bar Association

Property Bar Association

Insolvency

Andrew has a wide-ranging and busy insolvency practice which includes:

- Asset recovery within an insolvency context
- Preferences, transactions at an undervalue and recovery of property subject to trusts
- Wrongful trading and/or misfeasance claims
- Director's disqualification
- Injunctive relief within an insolvency context
- Implementation, continuation and termination of various insolvency regimes
- Jurisdictional issues;

Although regularly instructed by office-holders, Andrew is just as comfortable acting for those subject, or potentially subject, to insolvency regimes as well as lenders and other creditors. He is regularly instructed on an urgent basis to deal with emerging problems and is happy to collaborate in attempting to find an innovative solution in such situations. He has been described as "*robust and to the point. He has a good grasp of difficult concepts*" amongst many other plaudits in the legal directories.

Andrew's experience both as a commercial litigator and in the sphere of property law means that he is well-placed to assist where larger disputes arise in the context of an insolvency. He has vast experience of dealing with property-development insolvencies and the various issues that can arise in relation to chargeholders and other matters.

Andrew also acts in insolvency cases as a member of the Attorney General's Regional A Panel. He has substantial experience of dealing with public interest winding up petitions, director's disqualification claims and applications for leave to act as a director following disqualification from both sides of such disputes.

Insolvency Lawyers Association

Education

- BA (Hons) Modern History, The Queen's College, Oxford (Class I, 1998)
- Common Professional Examination, The College of Law (Distinction, 1999)
- Bar Vocational Course, The Inns of Court School of Law (Very Competent, 2000)
- Harmsworth Exhibition, Middle Temple (1999)

In 2023 Andrew was appointed as a member of the Legal Services Panel of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

He is currently contributing to a book on Director's Duties.

Insolvency Cases

Andrew's recent reported cases in an insolvency sphere include:

Hope Capital 2 Ltd v Jones [2024] EWHC 1308 (Ch): successfully resisting an appeal against the entry of summary judgment for over £2.5 million against the Defendant guarantor (represented by two counsel) where various issues were raised about the enforceability and continuing validity of the guarantee relied upon. This followed on from the insolvency of property development companies and the threatened further insolvency of others involved.

Glocin Ltd v Bancibo SE [2022] EWHC 1858 (Ch): conflict of laws (UK/Czech) in relation to contractual liability and the entitlement to commencement insolvency proceedings in the UK.

Borra v Comissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs and another [2022] EWHC 1195 (Ch): 3 day trial relating to annulment/alteration of a bankruptcy order and the correct identification of alleged debtor including overseas witnesses appearing via videolink.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy v Rosenblatt [2016] EWHC 2821 (Ch): 5 day trial seeking disqualification of directors based upon allegations of VAT fraud

Cadlock v Dunn [2015] EWHC 1318 (Ch): appeal on behalf of a trustee in bankruptcy concerning the equity of exoneration in relation to trust property in an insolvency

Andrew's other recent or ongoing insolvency cases include:

Advising and representing a BVI company in relation to the validity, scope and ranking of its charges over property within the UK and in other jurisdictions.

Appearing against leading counsel in a dispute concerning the sums due to a secured creditor in a complex administration of a development company.

Advising and representing administrators in relation to the rights of various individual purchasers with “fresh-air liens” protected by UN1s and the approach to be taken between secured creditors where parties were spread over more than 20 jurisdictions.

Securing permission for a disqualified director to continue to act in relation to three companies despite having been disqualified for a period within the top bracket.

Successfully recovering an interest in property with a substantial value in a TUV claim.

Recommendations

“Andrew is excellent in all his work – with clients and solicitors and in advocacy settings. In mediation, he is calm and rational, but has fire for his clients and is no pushover. He is always happy to explain and assist as required.”

Chambers and Partners 2024

“Andrew is extremely knowledgeable and always prepared to help or assist with an ad hoc query or more meaningful instructions. He is passionate for his clients and while he remains calm, he is also forceful in his points.”

The Legal 500 2024

“Andrew gives sound and practical advice.”

“Andrew’s academic brilliance makes him stand out. He adopts a practical and commercial approach to delivering advice and communicating with clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2023

‘Andrew always offers sensible, pragmatic advice to achieve the best results for the client. He is commercially minded and conscious of the costs consequences of the available courses of action. Although he always advises upon the pros and cons of seeking a settlement, he is not afraid to advise clients to proceed to trial when this is in their best interests.’

The Legal 500 2023

“He is extremely intelligent and extremely knowledgeable, and is able to channel his knowledge into being a really effective barrister. He makes effective submissions to judges and doesn’t lose sight of the structure of his arguments.” “He delivers his advice with conviction and confidence. When he tells you something it becomes believable and persuasive, which clients like, and it adds value.”

“He is very commercially minded and a fount of knowledge in chancery matters.”

Chambers and Partners 2022

“Robust and to the point. He has a good grasp of difficult concepts.”

“Well-prepared, calm and effective advocate who gets his point across succinctly.”

The Legal 500 2022

Andrew has been consistently recommended for chancery and commercial litigation in the legal directories every year since 2007.

“His legal knowledge and analysis are superb.” “He is a very good black letter lawyer, who presents his cases very well on paper and has real clarity of thought.” “He gives very practical advice.”

“He is very thorough, with a good handle on difficult situations.” “He really knows his stuff and is very pragmatic.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Andrew is both thorough and knowledgeable. He is approachable and very hard working. I have no hesitation in recommending and referring my clients to him safe in the knowledge that they will be very well represented both with his written advice and as an advocate at court.”

“Attention to detail, ability to breakdown complex issues and discuss with the client in a meaningful way, honest and clear advice.”

The Legal 500 2021

“He gives very good, practical advice with sound legal reasoning.”

“He is pragmatic, clear and his advocacy is very persuasive. He won't shy away from difficult arguments.”

“He is detailed, effective and strategic.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“Personable, thorough and intelligent.”

The Legal 500 2020

“He does a fantastic job and really cares for his clients.”

“He is very intelligent, as well as being straight-talking, pragmatic and diplomatic. He is sympathetic, honest and does not mess around.”

“A good commercial man who’s very good at giving advice to corporate clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“He reads the court well.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“He is one of the true intellectuals at the Bar, and really is a smart chap.”

“Andrew is frighteningly efficient, extremely clever and reads a case very well.”

“He is considered and measured.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

Beyond the Bar

Andrew is widely travelled and enjoys skiing, walking and photography.