

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

Local Government & Social Housing

Andrew regularly acts for local authorities and registered social landlords within his chancery and commercial practice and is well aware of the unique position of those entities as litigants. He is frequently instructed in relation to:

- Residential and Business landlord and tenant issues including possession, lease construction, service charge, dilapidation and anti-social behaviour issues
- Contractual disputes including construction matters
- Property disputes
- Insolvency matters
- Professional negligence issues

He regularly applies for injunctions on behalf of local authorities and registered social landlords and strives in every case to respond promptly to the needs of his client and provide the best practical and commercial solution to legal problems.

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)

Local Government & Social Housing Cases

Andrew's reported cases involving local authorities and registered social landlords include:

Helena Housing v Pinder and Others [2006] HLR 2 – creation of tenancies

Doran v Liverpool City Council and Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (2009) NPC 35 – determination of licences, possession proceedings and Human Rights

Other recent notable cases in this area include:

- Advising a local authority with regard to the enforceability of covenants contained within its standard transfer form and also as to the means by which it could seek to secure repayment of grant moneys advanced by it
- Successfully defending a concerted challenge to the rent review provisions of a registered social landlord's standard tenancy agreement
- Successfully defending a claim against a local authority for registration of a large area of land on the basis of adverse possession
- Advising a local authority in relation to its obligations where it entered land to carry out statutory works advising a local authority in relation to its powers of foreclosure
- Advising local authorities in relation to professional negligence claims against its advisors, including planning consultants

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.