


## 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

### Property and Planning

Andrew undertakes a wide variety of property work and has done so throughout his time at the Bar. He is one of the first ports of call for such work on the Northern Circuit and he practises nationally. His workload includes advocacy, advice and drafting in relation to the following:

- The construction and operation of complex documents and arrangements such as options, development agreements and the like
- Property transactions and the devolution of property rights in insolvency situations
- Commercial, residential and agricultural leasehold matters, including the construction, termination and renewal of the same
- Lease renewal, rent review, forfeiture, possession and dilapidation claims
- The enforcement of covenants and the pursuit of former tenants and guarantors
- Easement, boundary and conveyancing disputes, particularly in the context of the ability to develop land
- Mortgages;
- Professional negligence claims arising from property transactions and management, including against solicitors and surveyors
- Trust and probate matters, including disputes as to the beneficial interests in property and proprietary estoppel;
- Injunctive relief in relation to the use, misuse and disposition of property

Andrew is regularly instructed by major development companies and large-scale landlords as well as private individuals and others. His clients include large landowners around the country.

He has experience of appearing in every court up to and including the Court of Appeal in relation to property matters. He regularly appears in the various Tribunals associated with property claims.

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)

Andrew's vast experience of insolvency law and commercial litigation also assist when these matters coalesce, and he has dealt with many cases where property and insolvency issues have become interlinked.

Andrew strives in every case to respond promptly to the needs of his client and provide the best practical and commercial solution to property related problems. Andrew has been described as "very thorough, with a good handle on difficult situations" in the legal directories. He brings an "attention to detail, ability to breakdown complex issues and discuss with the client in a meaningful way, honest and clear advice" to his work. He has consistently been recommended in the legal directories since 2007.

Andrew's expertise has led to a number of presentations on property topics to professional audiences. Most recently he has talked alongside Business & Property Court Judges on the subjects of freezing and proprietary injunctions.

October 2020: "Restrictive Covenants in Leases and Restraint of Trade: the Supreme Court's Change of Mind" PLC Magazine

March 2021: "Proprietary Estoppel and the Interface with Property Contracts": Lexis Nexis

April 2021: "Propriety Estoppel and the Relationship with Oral Contracts": Trusts and Estates Law and Tax Journal

Andrew also acts in property cases as a member of the Attorney General's Regional A Panel. In 2023 he was appointed as a member of the Legal Services Panel of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

## Property & Planning Cases

Andrew's recent reported cases in a property 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 and its interplay with legal charges in place.

**Howe v Gossop [2021] EWHC 637 (Ch):** successfully resisting an appeal following a 5 day trial concerning proprietary estoppel and entitlement to land at which Andrew had also represented the successful party.

**Toomey and Grafton v Gibbons [2014] UKFTT 0394 (PC):** a successful claim in relation to easements and prescriptive rights including the right to park

**Redrow Homes (Midlands) Ltd and others v Hothi and others [2012] L&TR 8:** successful appeal to the Upper Tribunal in relation to the construction and operation of service charge provisions.

**Doran v Liverpool City Council [2009] 1 WLR 2365:** appeal concerning licences and local authority duties

**Mortgages 1Ltd v Wong LTL 1/10/08:** four day trial in relation to whether a party with cerebral palsy was bound by a mortgage or whether it was liable to be set aside for undue influence or due to non est factum along with a negligence claim against the solicitors involved in the transaction.

**London Borough of Lambeth and Hyde Southbank Ltd v O’Kane [2005] EWCA 1010:** conjoined appeals on issues of landlord and tenant, the creation of tenancies and their statutory status

Andrew’s other recent or ongoing property cases include:

Representing a successful party in a five day High Court trial concerning the existence and scope of rights of way over school land and the ability of these to be restricted by the school on grounds of alleged security. Andrew advised and represented the same client from the start of proceedings through to its success at trial including in the successful avoidance of an interim injunction that had been sought.

Acting for a major housing provider in two sets of proceedings by and against a university (represented by leading and junior counsel) relating to payment terms when properties were empty due to Covid-19 restrictions and also as to the impact of the extended limitation periods introduced by Building Safety Act 2022 on a claim based upon the original design of the same.

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

Advising and representing a major UK developer in relation to the enforceability of an option agreement over substantial land and securing compliance with the same.

Representing the Claimant in relation to jurisdictional issues as to whether proceedings relating to a failed contract for the marketing of a Cypriot property development should be determined in the UK or Cyprus.

## 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.