

## ANDREW GRANTHAM KC, FCIARB | MANCHESTER, LEEDS & BIRMINGHAM

Year of call: 1991

Clerked by: Gary Young Harry Young

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:



### Private Client, Trusts and Probate

In the area of trusts and probate Andrew has extensive experience in disputes both domestic and international between trustees and beneficiaries, the appointment, removal and replacement of trustees and executors and the administration of trusts and estates. He also has experience in acting for and against trust corporations both in the Courts of England and Wales and in advising in offshore jurisdictions.

He applies his skills as an experienced practitioner in commercial dispute resolution to all his cases adopting a client-friendly, commercial, pragmatic but robust approach.

#### Significant Recent Cases

**Perry v Neupert** [2019] EWHC 52 (Ch). Andrew appeared as junior counsel on behalf of the Claimants who successfully secured an order appointing 1 of them, a daughter of the deceased, as an executor together with an independent executor, in the face of trenchant opposition from the trustees of various discretionary trusts, established by the deceased. In the proceedings the trustees relied upon alleged misconduct of the Claimants in multiple jurisdictions including in the Cayman Islands, the BVI, Switzerland and Liechtenstein (in which the trusts were domiciled).

**Perry v Neupert** [2019] EWHC 2275 (Ch). Andrew appeared as junior counsel on behalf of the Claimants who successfully (1) recovered 85% of their costs from the Defendant, the executor named in the will of their late husband/father who had initially resisted but subsequently consented to his removal and (2) resisted an application by the Defendant for an order that his costs be met out of the estate.

**The costs of successful beneficiaries in proceedings brought under section 50 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985—Perry v Neupert:** <https://academic.oup.com/tandt/advance-article/doi/10.1093/tandt/ttz103/5626210?guestAccessKey=2d25392d-f38a-4a5f-8bf2-8b68feca035e>

### Profile

Andrew practises almost exclusively in Commercial and Chancery Dispute Resolution including Arbitration and International Disputes. He also undertakes some non-contentious work.

He was called to the Bar following a short career as a full-time law lecturer at Wadham College, Oxford and part-time lecturer at King's College, London.

Andrew specialises in cases of high value and considerable complexity. He has particular expertise in contractual and corporate disputes. His clients include banks and major public companies as well as a number of smaller manufacturing and other companies and professional firms.

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### Areas of Expertise

Arbitration

Banking & Finance

Civil Fraud

Company

Dispute Resolution

Insurance

International

Private Client, Trusts and Probate

Professional Negligence

## Memberships

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Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association

COMBAR

Northern Chancery Bar Association

Chancery Bar Association

Professional Negligence Bar Association

British and Irish Commercial Bar Association (Treasurer)

## Publications

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Commercial Litigation Pre Emptive Remedies (Sweet & Maxwell)

## Appointments/ Qualifications

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St Catherine's College, Oxford: BA 1988 (Jurisprudence), BCL 1989, MA 1997

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators: Fellow 2001

## Recommendations

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### Chambers UK Bar 2023

"Andrew is very astute and an excellent advocate."

"Andrew is formidable in his written advocacy, his advice and his oral advocacy."

"Andrew has many enviable abilities, chief amongst which is his persuasive advocacy. This is allied to his formidable legal analysis to form a powerful skill set."

"Andrew is always the cleverest person in any room. He's an intellectual in terms of his analysis and pleading of cases."

### Legal 500 2023

"Andrew has meticulous attention to detail and nothing is ever too much trouble. A legal Midas, he sprinkles gold-dust on the cases he touches. He is always the complete professional - courteous to opponents and judges, whilst displaying robust and brilliantly intelligent analysis."

"Andrew is a delight to work with: he is bright, quick-thinking, perceptive, knowledgeable, thorough, hard-working, very prompt with papers and a strong advocate. He is very supportive of his solicitors and exceptionally helpful, anticipating needs and problems, and is very able. He fully understands the commercial context, and keeps this in mind when advising, such that the team with client, counsel and solicitor feels close and unified. He is a good, clear and empathetic communicator."

### Chambers UK Bar 2022

"He has a fantastic eye for detail and is always on top of the papers." "He's ultra-responsive, ultra-cooperative and a pleasure to work with."

### Legal 500 2022

"Andrew's attention to detail and vast experience are two of his many strengths. He also has a phenomenal ability to turn work around and respond to instructing solicitor's queries very quickly. He makes you think that your case is the only case he has on his books which is a great attribute."

"Andrew is very experienced in his field and his written work is excellent. Andrew is one of the most responsive and client friendly silks in Manchester. He is an absolute pleasure to work with."

"It is genuinely difficult to find something remotely negative to say about Andrew."

## **Chambers UK Bar 2021**

### **Chancery**

"He has a very personable manner. Judges like him and he always comes across as very reasonable when he speaks." "He's good on the detail."

### **Commercial Dispute Resolution**

"His written arguments are very good – clear and concise." "He is very good at presenting things in a very straightforward way." "He is very bright and thorough – if he's on your team no stone will be left unturned."

### **Professional Negligence**

"His knowledge is good and he is very capable intellectually; a ruthless advocate in court." "He is an intellectual powerhouse."

## **Legal 500 2021**

### **Chancery Probate and Tax**

"He has a phenomenal intellect, ability to get to grips with cases quickly and comprehensively, thoroughness, knowledge of case law."

### **Commercial Litigation**

"He is first rate and very impressive in complex financial services case (sic)."

### **Company and Insolvency**

"Very bright and a superb mastery of the detail."

### **Professional Negligence**

"He is very impressive."

## **Legal 500, 2020**

"He has a phenomenal intellect, ability to get to grips with cases quickly and comprehensively, thoroughness, knowledge of case law."

"Instils complete confidence in clients."

## **Chambers UK 2020**

"He knows everything about everything; he is incredibly clever. He is great at getting to the heart of matters from a legal point of view, makes everything clear and concise and judges love him." "He is very intelligent and knows everything about the law. He is safe and reliable - you can trust his advice."

Chancery "Super bright and very responsive." "He is very detailed."

"He is extremely thorough, knowledgeable and approachable." "He is a technically excellent and vigorous advocate. Clients immediately respect and trust his advice." "He has a fantastic mind and an extraordinary eye for detail."

## **Chambers UK 2019**

"Extremely diligent, always fully prepared, and someone who gives very good, straightforward advice. "

"He is very thorough and really gets to know the ins and outs of cases." "He is very capable and is always able to make the best of difficult situations."

## **Legal 500 2019**

"Very dedicated and extremely hard working."

## **Chambers UK 2018**

"A fiery advocate."

"He has marvellous attention to detail. If there is a document-heavy and complex piece of litigation, he is very well suited to it. He never lets you down." "He is thorough, knowledgeable and approachable."

## **Legal 500 2018**

"He is remarkably thorough and has a real eye for detail."

## **Chambers UK 2017**

"A very brainy lawyer who always fights very hard for his client." "His written work and advice is always to a very high standard."

"An untiring and tenacious barrister." "He is extremely bright and offers a high standard of client service as well as sound, technical and

commercial advice."

**Legal 500 2017**

"Always well prepared and conscientious with clients."

