

Andrew Singer KC

Arbitrator & Mediator

Nationality: British

Languages: English



Andrew Singer KC is a distinguished construction arbitrator and mediator with a stellar reputation for handling the most challenging and complex disputes in the construction, engineering, and technology sectors. His expertise spans England, Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. Andrew is an accredited mediator with the ADR Group and serves as an arbitrator and adjudicator on the TECBAR ADR panels. Additionally, he is part-time Judge in the TCC and a County Court Recorder.

Andrew's credentials are bolstered by an MA from Cambridge and his role as Head of Kings Chambers since 2022. He is admitted to practice in England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Republic of Ireland. A member of several prestigious professional associations, Andrew is highly regarded in legal directories such as Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500, with client testimonials praising his technical ability, responsiveness, and clear communication.

Sector Expertise

- Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure
- Professional Negligence
- Technology & Telecommunications
- Mediation

Construction, Engineering & Infrastructure

Andrew's construction experience lies in termination, modification and suspension; scope of works delays; misrepresentations; overpayments and abatements; breach; damages; force majeure statute of limitations; extension of time claims; defect notifications; delay under extension of time claims; estoppel; NEC contracts; limitation of liability claims; ; delay penalties. Adjudication enforcements and Part 8 challenges.

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Professional Negligence

Andrew's experience includes claims for and against Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Project Managers in claims for mis-management of complex projects, defective design and inspection services, failure to comply with statutory requirements notably in respect of Fire Safety Risks..

Technology & Telecommunications

Andrew has extensive dispute resolution experience in aspects of Technology and Telecommunications: dispute issues related to software issues including ownership of IP rights in software; wrongful termination of technology contracts.

Mediation

Andrew is an ADR-accredited mediator and regularly acts as a mediator in commercial disputes and particularly high-value and complex disputes (domestic and international) relating to construction, developments, engineering, and technology. Andrew is recognised and acknowledged for his knowledge of understanding of industry challenges and his clarity and focus on problem-solving. His experience as mediator includes disputes relating to banking and insurance in addition to construction and technology issues.

Experience

Arbitration

- Substantial dispute relating to the construction/interpretation of an agreement for disposal of waste materials.
- Substantial dispute relating to payments claimed for losses from directed use of electricity cable
- Dispute relating to collapse of retaining wall to nursing home
- Disputes relating to claims for loss and expense/ extensions of time under JCT contracts
- Sole arbitrator in claim against utility provider

Representative Counsel Cases

- Northumbrian Water Ltd v McAlpine Ltd [2014] EWCA Civ 685 (English Court of Appeal)
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive v Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd [2014] NICA 27 (Northern Irish Court of Appeal)
- Amey v Cumbria [2016] EWHC TCC 2856
- Graham Leslie v Farrer Construction Limited [2016] EWCA Civ 1041

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- OD Developments and Projects Ltd v Oak Dry [2020] EWHC 2854 (TCC)
- QMAC Construction v Northern Ireland Housing Executive [2020] NIQB 45
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive v Dixons Contractors [2019] NIQB 19
- Elements (Europe) Limited v FK Building Ltd [2023] EWHC 726 TCC

Judicial Review Cases

Andrew's practice also includes Judicial Review challenges in the commercial/construction context.

- BBSA v SoS HCLG [2019] EWHC 3162 (Admin)
- R (on the application of Rotala plc) v Greater Manchester Combined Authority and another [2022] EWCA Civ 1048
- R (on the application of Redrow plc and others) v SoS LUHC and interested parties [2024] EWCA Civ 651

Academic & Professional Qualifications

Academic

- MA (Cantab)

Professional

- Recorder and Approved to sit in TCC; Kings Counsel – 26th February 2018
- Barrister, and Head of Kings Chambers 2022 – present
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Bar Admissions

- England and Wales
- Northern Ireland
- Republic of Ireland

Professional Associations & Recognitions

Professional Memberships

- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb)
- LCIA European Users' Council, Council Member
- Society of Construction Law Member (Secretary 2022-2023)
- TECBAR Member

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- Member British and Irish Commercial Bar Association (BICBA)
- Sport Resolutions' panel of mediators for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2024
- Society of Construction Arbitrators

Publications, Articles & Thought Leadership

Articles

- SCL papers on Economic Torts and Part 8 and adjudication enforcement. CEEJ 2017 Adjudication in Northern Ireland: How Does it Compare with the Jurisprudence in England and Wales

Publications

- Contributing Editor Karim and Patterson on Judicial Review (Chapter on Public Procurement)

Directories & Client Quotes

Andrew is ranked as the leading construction counsel in Chambers and Partners and is likewise listed in The Legal 500.

Chambers UK 2023

- *"Andrew is very responsive and accommodating"*
- *"Andrew's response time is very quick. He doesn't overcomplicate things and talks in a way that everybody understands."*

Legal 500 2023

- *"The depth of his knowledge in this area is unrivalled."*

Chambers UK 2022

- *"Andrew is quite simply superb. His technical ability is unrivalled and he brings a calming reassurance into even the most highly pressured situation." "Andrew is calm, assured, and an incisive intellect. He has a reassuring ability to take the worry out of even the most complex scenarios."*

Chambers UK 2020

- *"A real specialist construction lawyer with a fabulous knowledge of construction contracts."*