

Andrew Singer KC

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Andrew Singer KC practices almost exclusively in the field of **construction** and associated **professional negligence** actions and appears regularly in the Technology & Construction Court and as Counsel in construction-related arbitrations as well as appointments as **arbitrator**. Andrew enjoys a sizeable construction and technology practice with work derived throughout England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Andrew has also gained wide experience in the provision of procurement advice. His recent reported cases include, OD v Oak Dry, NIHE v Dixons, Amey v Cumbria CC, NIHE v HBL.

His practice also includes Judicial Review challenges largely in the commercial/construction context.

Andrew is an accredited mediator with the ADR Group. He is also an arbitrator and adjudicator and is listed on the TECBAR ADR panels. He also sits as a part-time Judge in the TCC and is a County Court Recorder.

Expertise

Arbitration and Adjudication

As well as acting as counsel in arbitrations and adjudications in England and foreign jurisdictions, Andrew accepts appointments as adjudicator and arbitrator and is a TECBAR panel member.

Notable recent cases include acting for the Respondent in a substantial dispute relating to the construction/interpretation of an agreement for disposal of waste materials.

Judicial Review

Notable Judicial Review cases

[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](#)

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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.

Professional Negligence

Andrew acts regularly for and against construction professionals in a full range of construction and engineering related disputes in litigation and arbitration.

Technology & Construction

Notable Technology & Construction cases

In 2020 he appeared as leading counsel for the Claimant in OD Developments and Projects Ltd v Oak Dry [2020] EWHC 2854 (TCC) and acted for the Defendant in QMAC Construction v Northern Ireland Housing Executive [2020] NIQB 45

In 2019 he appeared as leading counsel in Northern Ireland Housing Executive v Dixons Contractors [2019] NIQB 19.

In 2016 Andrew was first junior Counsel in Amey v Cumbria [2016] EWHC TCC 2856 and 2946, the main trial ran for over 40 days in the Manchester TCC and he appeared in the Court of Appeal in Graham Leslie v Farrer Construction Limited [2016] EWCA Civ 1041.

In 2014 he appeared in the leading cases of:

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).

Memberships

- Bars of England and Wales, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland. MCI Arb, LCIA European Users' Council, Council Member SCL, TECBAR, Committee member British and Irish Commercial Bar Association (BICBA).

Qualifications

- MA (Cantab).

Appointments

- Recorder and Approved to sit in TCC
- Kings Counsel – 26th February 2018
- Sport Resolutions' panel of mediators for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2024.
- Head of Chambers 2022 – present

Recommendations

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

Chambers UK 2023

"Judges appreciate how he presents a case, which is a good skill to have."

"Andrew is very responsive, accommodating and manages deadlines very effectively. He is very good at getting into the details and explaining them in a simple way. He is also a very good team player."

"Andrew's client service is amazing, his response time is very quick. He doesn't overcomplicate things and talks in a way that everybody understands."

Legal 500 2023

"Andrew is at the fore of contentious and non-contentious advice and representation. The depth of his knowledge in this area is unrivalled. He is one of the most responsive and engaged senior counsel and his client service is next to none."

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. He is great with clients." "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 2021

"He is approachable and practical, both of which are qualities that construction industry clients value a great deal." "He is hugely bright and user-friendly. He fully embeds himself into the client team and helps to seek pragmatic, commercial solutions rather than limiting himself to bland legal advice."

Legal 500 2021

"Andrew has all the usual hallmarks of a top KC. His knowledge on the law in this area is second to none. At the same time, he is extremely approachable and helpful."

Chambers UK 2020

"A real specialist construction lawyer with a fabulous knowledge of construction contracts." "It is a real pleasure to work with him and he is proactive in where he can help and what his views are."

Chambers UK 2018

"Clear and concise in his advice, Andrew is exceptional in the field of construction disputes." "He is extremely responsive to deadlines, provides a hands-on approach and has a sharp eye for detail."

Legal 500 2018

'He has a superb intellect and precise analytical abilities.'

Chambers UK 2017

“Cuts to the heart of commercial and legal issues really quickly.”

“Andrew provides commercially focused advice, rolls up his sleeves and gets stuck in.”

Legal 500 2017

‘He has a superb intellect, tactical awareness and is an excellent advocate.’

Accreditations

