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Andrew Green KC



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Year of call:	**1988**
Appointed to silk:	**2010**
Degree:	**LLB**

Andrew Green KC is widely recognised as one of the leading barristers at the Commercial Bar and is particularly renowned as a trial advocate. The Legal 500 describes him as "an outstanding trial advocate" and "a fearless and fearsome cross examiner"; and Chambers Global describes him as having "a superb mind" and as "wonderful with clients and very courageous in court." His trial performance as Leading Counsel for the Mirror Group (May & June 2023), in particular his cross-examination of Prince Harry, received worldwide press attention. He is the first barrister for 130 years to cross-examine a member of the British royal family (in another court, Prince Harry recently described himself as having had "a bad experience with Mr Green"). He is also the only currently practising barrister to have cross-examined a Home Secretary.

Andrew was named one of the "Hot 100" lawyers in the UK in 2026 by The Lawyer magazine. His high-profile practice spans a broad range of commercial litigation, arbitration, banking and financial services, regulatory investigations and inquiries, insurance, sport and media/entertainment. In the latest editions of the UK legal directories (Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500), he is ranked in Commercial Litigation, Banking and Finance, International Arbitration, Financial Services, Media & Entertainment, and Sport. He is also recognised in Chambers Global in Commercial Dispute Resolution and International Arbitration.

Reflecting his eminence as a commercial, banking and financial services lawyer, he was retained by the FCA and PRA in 2015 (under the supervision of the Treasury Select Committee) to produce a "Report into the FSA's enforcement actions following the failure of HBOS" (generally known as 'the Green Report'); and was then appointed 'Specialist Adviser' to the TSC (which continued until 2020). As Specialist Adviser, he was commissioned by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to produce a report on 'Maxwellisation'.

Andrew has been shortlisted by The Legal 500 for Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year 2023. He has previously been shortlisted: (1) by The Legal 500 for Financial Services and Insurance Silk of the Year 2022; (2) by The Legal 500 for Commercial Litigation Silk of the Year 2018; (3) by The Legal 500 for Barrister of the Year 2015; and (4) by The Legal 500 for International Arbitration Silk of the Year 2015.

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- "Andrew Green KC is at the top of his game. He's the best cross examiner at bar. He is incisive and a natural leader of any litigation team." - Chambers UK, 2026
- "A formidable advocate. His measured, charming, and effective cross-examination makes him a go-to for cases where witness evidence is key." - Legal 500, 2026

Previous comments include:

- "Andrew is an extraordinary barrister. He just might be the cleverest lawyer. His range of legal knowledge is staggering." - Chambers UK, 2025
- "Andrew is a formidable KC. He is very clever, a great tactician, user friendly and, above all, a superb advocate particularly skilled at cross-examination. If ever there was a Silk for a difficult case, then Andrew is that person." - Legal 500, 2025
- "Andrew is a first-rate leading silk. His cross examination is razor-sharp, and he really gets under the skin of a case. He is truly superb."- Legal 500
- "Andrew is simply fantastic. He is so clever, but also practical. Andrew is a highly effective advocate and a true team player."- Chambers UK

EXPERIENCE

Commercial

Andrew's commercial work covers a wide range of areas, as reflected in the current and recent trial work set out below. His practice also frequently involves acting for parties on injunctive proceedings often in the context of claims for civil fraud.

> ***"Andrew Green is phenomenal. He is the best leading counsel I have worked with. He is great at case strategy, good with clients and someone whose cross-examination is the best I've seen."***
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Jurisdiction Challenges/Conflicts of laws

Andrew's cases frequently involve conflicts of laws issues, with such reported cases including Exmek Pharmaceuticals SAC v Alkem Laboratories Ltd [2015] EWHC 3158 (Comm), Lupofresh v Sapporo [2013] EWCA Civ 948, [2012] EWHC 2013 (QB), ET Plus SA v Eurotunnel [2005] EWHC 2115 (Comm)) and Carvill v SBV [2005] EWCA Civ 645.

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BM Brazil v Sibanye BM Brazil (Pty) Ltd

[2024] EWHC 2566 (Comm)

Andrew acted successfully (in a six week Commercial Court trial) for the Claimant sellers pursuing claims arising out of the termination of SPAs in respect of Brazilian mining assets under which in excess of US$1 billion was payable. The main issue was whether the First Defendant buyer was entitled to refuse to close under the contracts, and to terminate them, on the ground that a geotechnical event ("GE") at one of the mines constituted a Material Adverse Effect ("MAE"). The Claimant sellers disputed this and maintained that the First Defendant's purported termination was wrongful and repudiatory, entitling the Claimants to terminate the contracts in accordance with their terms and at common law. The Court agreed with the Claimants on this issue and granted declarations accordingly. The case is now the leading authority on the proper construction of MAE clauses. The quantum trial is due to be heard in November 2025. He is instructed by Kirkland & Ellis.

Illiquidx Ltd v Altana Wealth Ltd & others

[2024] EWHC 2191 (Ch)

Andrew acted successfully (in a two week Chancery Division trial) for the Claimant hedge fund alleging misuse of confidential information by another hedge fund. The Court held that the Defendant acted in breach of contract, breach of confidence and breach of the Trade Secrets Regulations by misusing confidential information about a proposed fund to invest in distressed Venezuelan sovereign debt. It is going to the Court of Appeal in 2026. He was instructed by RPC; and is now instructed by Quinn Emanuel.

Strand Hanson Ltd v Conduit Pharmaceuticals Ltd

Andrew recently acted for the Defendant in a two week trial, defending a claim for nearly $100m arising out of the merger of a pharmaceutical company with a US listed SPAC. Judgment is awaited. He is instructed by Cooley.

Arsenal FC v Allianz Insurance Plc

Andrew acted for multiple Premier League football clubs in claims brought under policies of insurance for business interruption arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The case settled in early 2025 shortly before a three week Commercial Court trial. He was instructed by Clifford Chance.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) v LIBOR Panel Banks

Andrew acted for this Claimant US government body (as receiver for closed US banks) in long-standing proceedings brought against nine UK Panel banks relating to alleged "lowballing" of USD LIBOR during the financial crisis. He was brought in to lead in a 20 week trial due to start in 2026. The case settled in mid-2025. He was instructed by Quinn Emanuel.

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Upham v HSBC UK Bank Plc (the Eclipse litigation)

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Duke of Sussex and ors v Mirror Group Newspapers (Phone Hacking Litigation)

[2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch)

Andrew was Leading Counsel for the Mirror Group in the phone-hacking case brought by, among others, Prince Harry/Duke of Sussex. His performance at the seven week trial (ending in July 2023) and, in particular, his cross-examination of Prince Harry received world-wide attention and praise. On the key issue of limitation, the Mirror Group won. [2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch). He continued to be instructed in the case throughout 2024. He was instructed by RPC.

Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn v Juan Carlos (former King of Spain)

Andrew has recently been instructed for the Claimant in this claim brought against the former King of Spain for harassment.

Al Maktoum v Al Hussein (Family Division, 2020-2022)

[2022] EWFC 16 [2021] EWHC 3480 (Fam)

Andrew was instructed by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the current ruler of Dubai, in proceedings against his ex-wife, HRH Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein of Jordan. He was instructed for the purpose of cross-examining an expert on the issue of phone hacking. In his Judgment, the President of the Family Division was particularly complimentary about the cross-examination.

Rowe v Ingenious LLP & HSBC

Andrew acted for HSBC in this substantial claim brought by hundreds of investors against the promoters of the Ingenious film and game schemes, and against various banks (including HSBC) and other intermediaries. The claims against HSBC included claims for unlawful means conspiracy and dishonest assistance. This action, which settled in April 2022, was one of the largest claims in the Chancery Division.

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Re Edwardian Group Ltd (Companies Court, ongoing)

[2019] EWHC 873 (Ch)

Andrew is acting for the Company in the quantum hearing following findings of unfair prejudice. Expert evidence on hotel and share valuation was heard to determine the disputed share purchase price, with competing valuations ranging from £85m to £185m. The Court determined a buyout price of £137m.

Green Deal Ltd v Economy Energy Ltd

[2019] EWHC 507 (Ch)

Andrew acted for the Defendant (in a 10 day trial) in relation to a claim for damages for breach of an agency contract and compensation pursuant to the Commercial Agents (Council Directive) Regulations 1993. The Claimant's claim was for c.£25 million, of which it recovered £1 million.

AXA S.A. v Genworth (Commercial Court, ongoing)

[2020] EWHC 2024 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 3376 (Comm) & [2018] EWHC 2898 (Comm)

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Parker Lloyd Capital Ltd v Edwardian Group Ltd

[2017] EWHC 2421 (QB); & indemnity costs judgment at [2017 EWHC 3207 (QB)

Andrew acted for the Defendant in defeating a claim based on an alleged oral contract made in the bar of the May Fair Hotel in London. The Defendant was awarded indemnity costs.

Baltic International Bank v Segesta Ltd

[2017] EWHC 339 (QB)

Andrew acted for the successful claimant in proceedings asserting under-payment of profit share under a property construction joint venture. The Court found for the claimant on various points of contractual interpretation, regarding deductions of capital expenditure pre-distribution, and ordered a seven-figure interim payment pending an account of the profit due.

Re. Blackpool Football Club Ltd

[2017] EWHC 2767 (Ch)

Andrew acted for the successful Petitioner, the former President of Blackpool FC, in his action claiming unfair prejudice. The Companies Court found that the company's majority shareholders had wrongly paid themselves disguised dividends, in the form of nearly £25m of excessive remuneration and uncommercial intra-group loans following Blackpool's promotion to the Premier League, while excluding the Petitioner from management. The Court ordered a buyout of the Petitioner's shares for £31m, basing this valuation on giving effect to an informal 'gentleman's agreement' that the Petitioner was to be treated as an equal shareholder, notwithstanding his formal holding of only a 20% stake.

Crown Bidco Ltd v Vertu Holdings Oy (& ors)

(Commercial Court. Settled 2017)

Andrew acted for the Claimant in a dispute concerning the sale by Nokia Corporation of the 'Vertu' luxury mobile phones business. The Claimant claimed that warranties were breached in the share purchase agreement and the principal sum claimed exceeds £100m. The Defendants counterclaimed, alleging amongst other things, a conspiracy to defraud.

Baturina v Chistyakov

[2017] EWHC 1049 (Comm)

Acted for the Claimant, a prominent Russian businesswoman, in a 3-week Commercial Court. The claim was for around E100m, arising from a joint venture agreement relating to Moroccan property. The case involved claims in deceit, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty

Global Asset Capital & Maud v Aabar & Robert Tchenguiz

[2016] EWHC 298 (Comm)

Andrew acted for the claimant property investors in an action alleging breach of contract and economic torts in connection with the ownership of a multi-billion euro property asset.

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Stretchline Intellectual Property Ltd v H&M Hennes & Mauritz (UK) Ltd

[2015] EWCA Civ 516

Acted successfully for H&M (at the remedies hearing following a trial conducted by patent barristers). Andrew persuaded the Court to refuse to grant an injunction against H&M to restrain it from breaching the Claimant's patents by using fusible yarn in its bras, notwithstanding that the Claimant had been successful at trial in demonstrating a breach of the patents.

Exmek Pharmaceuticals SAC v Alkem Laboratories Ltd

[2015] EWHC 3158 (Comm)

Andrew acted for Alkem, an Indian company, in successfully resisting a challenge by a Peruvian company to a partial award on jurisdiction under s. 67(1), Arbitration Act 1996. Issues included whether Alkem submitted to the jurisdiction of the Peruvian courts and, if so, whether the judgments of those courts should be recognized in the England under s.32, CJJA 1982.

G v G

[2015] EWHC 1515 (Fam)

Andrew acted successfully for a husband in a matrimonial dispute on a discrete issue of legal professional privilege. The issue was when does an approach made by a client to barristers and solicitors for a recommendation as to legal representation attract legal professional privilege.

Gorgeous Beauty Limited v Irene & William Liu & Gold Wealth

[2014] EWHC 2952 (Ch)

Andrew acted, successfully, for the claimant in this 4 week Chancery Division trial. It was a trust dispute between two sides of a Taiwanese family fighting for control of a valuable piece of land in Taiwan.

Unite the Union v Victoria Banking Services Ltd

[2014] EWHC 19 (Comm), [2015] EWCA Civ 285

Acted successfully, both at trial and in the Court of Appeal, for the defendant, a leading insurance group, in Commercial Court proceedings relating to commission claimed by a major trade union under an "affinity" marketing scheme.

Lupofresh Ltd v Sapporo Breweries Ltd

[2013] EWCA Civ 948, [2012] EWHC 2013 (QB)

Acted successfully for Sapporo Breweries at both the trial of this action and in the Court of Appeal (Lupofresh's appeal). The case arose out of a series of renegotiated contracts for the sale by Sapporo of brewing hops. Lupofresh sought to set aside the contracts on the grounds of economic duress, intimidation, anticipatory repudiatory and misrepresentation. Of particular legal interest is the confirmation by the CA that Art. 8(2) of the Rome Convention relates only to the existence, and not to the validity, of consent under a contract. This issue was due to be heard by the Supreme Court in February 2015, but the case settled shortly before the hearing.

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Morgan v KNAL & EFG

(trial in December 2013)

Acted for claimants seeking substantial damages from a Bank and an IFA on the basis of negligent advice, negligent misrepresentations and breach of various rules contained in the FCA Handbook relating to a complicated investment scheme. The case settled on Day 10 of a 4 week trial (during the third day of Andrew's cross-examination of the principal bank witness).

Grainmarket Asset Management LLP v PGF II SA

[2013] EWHC 1879 (Ch)

Andrew acted successfully for the defendant in this trial. The dispute related to the construction of a property management agency agreement between the claimant investment manager and the Luxembourg-domiciled defendant. The principal issue was whether the agent (claimant) was subject to the control of the principal (defendant) when performing its contractual services.

Vladimir Slutsker v Summit Trustees (Cayman) Ltd

(2013)

Acted in a trust dispute brought in the Cayman Islands by a Russian businessman and former politician against a trust company.

Otkritie International Investment Management Ltd v Urumov

(2011-2013)

Acted (until shortly before trial) for the principal defendants, being a senior banker, his wife and their company, resisting a claim for c.$180 million.

RFU v Viagogo

(2011-13) [2011] EWHC 764 (QB)

Acted for the RFU (in the High Court) in successfully obtaining a Norwich Pharmacal order requiring a well-known website platform to disclose the identities of those selling tickets for, among others, Six Nations matches at Twickenham. The case subsequently went to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Arbitration

Andrew has considerable experience of arbitration practice and procedure having acted for a wide variety of commercial clients in a substantial number of arbitrations, and having been a co-editor of Halsbury's Laws of England (4th Edn Reissue) on Arbitration. He is familiar with the procedural rules of a number of arbitration organisations, including the LCIA and the ICC. He frequently acts in arbitrations with an Indian seat. He frequently acts in oil and gas disputes.

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Cases

Republic of India v CC/Devas (Mauritius) Ltd and others.

Andrew is acting for the Republic of India in this Commercial Court action relating to the scope of the English Court's jurisdiction under s.45 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to provide assistance to an arbitral tribunal during an ongoing arbitral process. He is instructed by Byrne.

In the matter of an emergency arbitration application under LCIA Rules

Andrew acted (successfully) for the Respondent (a substantial and high-profile private company) in opposing an application for emergency relief from an Emergency Arbitrator. He was instructed by Paul Weiss.

In the matter of an LCIA arbitration

Andrew is instructed by Kirkland & Ellis in defending a $75m arbitration claim for damages and misrepresentation and deceit arising out of a Share Purchase Agreement. A three week arbitration is due to be heard in 2026.

In the matter of an LCIA arbitration

Andrew is instructed by Quinn Emanuel in a relation to a $100m arbitration arising out of a share sale agreement. The two week arbitration is due to be heard in 2026.

LCIA Arbitration

(2021-2024)

Andrew acted for the Respondent in an LCIA Arbitration concerning claims worth approximately US$300 million relating to the ownership of Russian media assets. The claim settled in 2024.

HKIAC Cryptocurrency Arbitration

(2023)

Andrew acted for an investor in cryptocurrency derivatives in relation to margin calls from an exchange and related cross-claims for failure to execute liquidation instructions.

European Banking Arbitration (2022)

Andrew acted for the private equity buyers of a European bank in relation to a dispute about the terms and operation of an SPA indemnity. The case settled shortly prior to the final hearing.

An art collector vs an art dealer

Andrew acted for the owner of a well known old master art collection, suing a well-known UK dealer for alleged mis-representation as to the provenance of two old master paintings.

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South Shields Football Club 1888 Limited v The Football Association Limited

Andrew sat on the independent Rule K Arbitral Tribunal in this legal challenge to The FA's decision to end the 2019/20 football season in Steps 3-7 of the English football National League System without promotion or relegation on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

[BVI Shareholder] v [BVI Shareholder]

Acted for the Respondents in a c.€100m dispute between shareholders of a mining company in Sub-Saharan Africa, and a claim against its director and shareholder under a guarantee (with Andrew Green QC and Peter Head).

Chinguitel SA v ZTE Corporation

Acted for Mauritanian telecommunication provider suing its equipment and services provider for renunciation of contract.

This case was brought to Andrew at the last minute against a large team who had been on the case for a number of years.

In the Matter of an Indian Arbitration

(ongoing)

Acting for an Indian company seeking over US$2 billion from the Respondent in an oil and gas dispute arising from a profit sharing agreement relating to an India offshore development.

X (UK public body) v Y (international IT supplier)

(London Court of International Arbitration, ongoing)

Acting for the respondent IT supplier in a major claim brought by a UK public authority in relation to the provision of a new IT system.

X (Russian investors) v Y (Spanish investors)

(LCIA, ongoing)

Acting for the defendants and counterclaimants in proceedings alleging mismanagement of an international telecoms group.

In the Matter of an LCIA Arbitration

(2015 award)

Acted for one of Russia's largest companies in successfully defending a contractual claim arising from the acquisition of an oil company.

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In the Matter of an ICC Arbitration

(2015 settled)

Acted for a bank in a claim for in excess of €100m arising from the disappearance of oil held as security for a loan.

In the Matter of an Indian Arbitration

(2012-2015)

Acted successfully for the respondent, one India's largest generic pharmaceutical companies, in defending a claim brought by a South African distribution company for the alleged breach of a distribution agreement. The principal issues relate to the construction of the distribution agreement. The claim was for in excess of US$40m.

Home Office v Raytheon

(2011-2015)

Andrew acted for Raytheon, a major US defense contractor, whose contract with the Home Office was terminated shortly after the Coalition Government came to power in 2010. The contract was for the design, development and implementation of the £1bn e-Borders IT system, a complex system to be operated by the UK Border Agency. Contractual milestones were missed as a result of which the contract was terminated. The central issue was which contracting party was responsible for the missing of the milestones. Raytheon sought damages in excess of £500m, and the Government advanced a cross-claim for a slightly lower sum. Raytheon won. The award was the subject of front page news in August 2014.

In the Matter of an Indian Arbitration

(2014)

Acted for a substantial Indian company in a dispute relating to a joint venture with a German company. The claims and counterclaims are each for around €100m.

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(2013)

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Financial Services & Banking

Andrew's status as one of the top financial services Silks is reflected in the fact that he was instructed by the FCA and PRA (and approved by the Treasury Select Committee) to conduct a review of, and produce a public report on, the FSA's enforcement response to the failure of HBOS. Following this review, the 'Green Report' was published in November 2015 (see below), following which he appeared before the Treasury Select Committee (see below). Following this appearance, Andrew was appointed to act as 'Specialist Adviser' to the Treasury Select Committee on an ongoing basis.

Andrew is regularly instructed by regulators, financial institutions and private individuals on a wide range of financial services issues, with particular emphasis on enforcement actions brought by financial regulators (including some of the highest profile market abuse cases). He has also been particularly involved in recent years in high-profile litigation, and advice, on collective investment schemes.

In the last few years, Andrew has advised in relation to various Takeover Panel investigations.

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Cases

FCA v Woodford Investment Management & Neil Woodford

Andrew is Leading Counsel acting for the Respondents against the FCA in this dispute. It relates to one of the most high-profile FCA regulatory actions in recent years. He is instructed by BCLP.

Lee v James Hay Administration Co. & AJ Bell Management Ltd

Andrew is Leading Counsel acting for the Defendant SIPP providers in a case which raises the nature of the obligations owed to customers by execution-only SIPP providers in relation to the products going into their SIPPs. This is an issue of industry-wide importance. He is instructed by Pinsent Masons.

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FCA v Jorge Lopez

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London Stock Exchange PLC v Company

Acting for the LSE in disciplinary proceedings to be brought against an AIM regulated company.

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In the Matter of a hedge fund

(ongoing)

Andrew is acting for a major hedge fund in relation to an ongoing FCA investigation for market manipulation.

In the Matter of a hostile takeover (2019)

Andrew advised the target of a hostile takeover on various provisions of FSMA relating to the issue of prospectuses and supplemental prospectuses.

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The London Stock Exchange v ZAI

[2018]

Acted for the LSE in disciplinary proceedings brought against a NOMAD firm in relation to the AIM market. It is one of the most significant actions yet brought by the LSE in relation to the AIM market.

FCA/PRA: HBOS Report i.e. the ‘Green report’

(November 2015)

Andrew is the author of the “Report into the FSA’s enforcement actions following the failure of HBOS”, published on 19 November 2015 (alongside a report entitled “The failure of HBOS plc (HBOS)”). His interview by the Treasury Select Committee interview can be found here.

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FCA v Andrew Tinney

Andrew acted for a high-profile former senior banker against whom the FCA issued a Warning Notice. He appeared before the RDC on the matter.

FRC v Various firms

Andrew acted for the FRC in bringing formal complaints against a group of accountants, actuaries and auditors relating to claims reserving processes.

FCA v Bruno Iksil

(2014 - 2015)

Andrew acted for Bruno Iksil (a former JP Morgan employee referred to in the Press as 'The London Whale'), who was the subject of an FCA investigation into allegations of a breach of Principles 2 and 5. This arose out of a series of trades which ultimately lost JP Morgan in excess of US$6 billion. The FCA discontinued the investigation against Mr Iksil following the response to its PIR produced by Mr Iksil's legal team.

FCA v African Land

[2014] EWHC 144 (Ch), [2015] EWCA Civ 284

Andrew ccted for a company and two directors facing a claim by the FCA for injunctive relief restraining the ongoing promotion of an investment scheme. The key issue is whether the scheme is a collective investment scheme within the meaning of section 235, FSMA 2000. This is one of the first cases in which the English court has considered the meaning of various elements of the definition of a CIS under section 235. The FCA won at first instance and in the Court of Appeal on the meaning of 'managed as a whole'.

Morgan v KNAL & EFG

(trial in December 2013)

Acted for claimants seeking substantial damages from a Bank and an IFA on the basis of negligent advice, negligent misrepresentations and breach of various rules contained in the FCA Handbook relating to a complicated investment scheme. The case settled on Day 10 of a 4 week trial (during the third day of Andrew's cross-examination of the principal bank witness).

LIBOR Investigation

(2013)

Acted for a former CEO at UBS to advise in relation to his attendance before the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards.

Dubai Financial Services Authority v Arqaam Capital Ltd, Ernst & Young

(2012)

Acted for the Dubai FSA in the first ever case before the Dubai Financial Markets Tribunal.

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FCA v Greenlight/Einhorn

(2011)

Andrew acted for the FSA (before the RDC) in one of the highest profile market abuse/insider dealing cases yet brought by the FSA. In this case, the FSA imposed a substantial fine against one of the best-known hedge fund managers in the US, Greenlight run by David Einhorn, for (non-deliberate) market abuse/insider dealing. Fines were imposed on both Greenlight and Einhorn (for a total sum of £7.2 million), with Einhorn receiving the second-largest ever fine imposed by the FSA on an individual for market abuse. The inside information was provided to Einhorn/Greenlight during a call with the management of Punch Taverns, a company in which Greenlight held 13% of the shares, and related to an intended equity issuance by Punch. Following the call, Einhorn instructed the sale of Greenlight's shares in Punch.

Civil Fraud, Asset Recovery & Injunctive Relief

Many of Andrew's cases involve civil fraud claims, and frequently include acting for parties on injunctive proceedings. Examples include the following:

"His technical excellence is a given, but he also has a way of cutting through the unnecessary points and reassuring the client. He is excellent in listening to and appreciating what a judge requires, and when to stop speaking."

— LEGAL 500, 2026

Cases

Upham v HSBC UK Bank Plc (the Eclipse litigation)

[2024] EWHC 849 (Comm)

Andrew acted (in an eight week Commercial Court trial) for the successful Defendant, HSBC, in opposing a £1.3bn legal challenge brought by a group of over 400 investors in a series of filming financing schemes known as the Eclipse Partnerships. The claims alleged fraudulent misrepresentation, unlawful means conspiracy and dishonest assistance in a breach of trust, among other causes of action. The claims were dismissed and the Claimants were ordered to pay indemnity costs.

Duke of Sussex and ors v Mirror Group Newspapers (Phone Hacking Litigation)

[2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch)

Andrew was Leading Counsel for the Mirror Group in the phone-hacking case brought by, among others, Prince Harry/Duke of Sussex. His performance at the seven week trial (ending in July 2023) and, in particular, his cross-examination of Prince Harry received world-wide attention and praise. On the key issue of limitation, the Mirror Group won. [2023] EWHC 3217 (Ch). He continued to be instructed in the case throughout 2024. He was instructed by RPC.

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Rowe v Ingenious LLP & HSBC

Andrew acted for HSBC in this substantial claim brought by hundreds of investors against the promoters of the Ingenious film and game schemes, and against various banks (including HSBC) and other intermediaries. The claims against HSBC included claims for unlawful means conspiracy and dishonest assistance. This action, which settled in April 2022, was one of the largest claims in the Chancery Division.

A Russian Arbitration (ongoing)

Andrew is acting for a well-known Russian businessman whose defence of a claim brought against him by one of Russia's leading oligarchs for in excess of US$100m is based on an oral fraudulent misrepresentation.

Enforcement of various arbitral awards (ongoing)

Andrew is acting for a state-owned Eastern European company seeking to recover hundreds of millions of pounds awarded under various arbitral awards against various Defendants.

Crown Bidco Ltd v Vertu Holdings Oy (& ors)

(Commercial Court. Settled 2017)

Andrew acted for the Claimant in a dispute concerning the sale by Nokia Corporation of the 'Vertu' luxury mobile phones business. The Claimant claimed that warranties were breached in the share purchase agreement and the principal sum claimed exceeds £100m. The Defendants counterclaimed, alleging amongst other things, a conspiracy to defraud.

Baturina v Chistyakov

[2017] EWHC 1049 (Comm)

Acted for the Claimant, a prominent Russian businesswoman, in a 3-week Commercial Court. The claim was for around E100m, arising from a joint venture agreement relating to Moroccan property. The case involved claims in deceit, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty

Otkritie International Investment Management Ltd v Urumov

(2011-2013)

Acted (until shortly before trial) for the principal defendants, being a senior banker, his wife and their company, resisting a claim for c.$180 million.

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Insurance & Reinsurance

Andrew has considerable experience of insurance and reinsurance work both in the commercial court and in arbitration (domestically and internationally), and has been involved in a number of important cases in this area (see below). He has advised and acted on many occasions both for Lloyd's syndicates and for domestic and international insurance/reinsurance companies; and both for and against insurance and reinsurance brokers. He has regularly acted in disputes relating to both marine and non-marine business.

In addition to the cases below, he is currently (1) acting in arbitration proceedings for a substantial financial services provider in a £500m claim against a bank arising from the alleged mis-sale of payment protection insurance; (2) advising a number of high-profile sports teams on substantial business interruption claims against insurers; and (3) advising on issues such as the aggregation of claims under reinsurance policies.

"Andrew is an exceptional advocate, and it is a true pleasure to watch him in action – assuming he is on your side. He has a talent for making the most complex points easily digestible and for taking apart opponents' arguments with finesse."

— LEGAL 500, 2026

Cases

Arsenal FC v Allianz Insurance Plc

Andrew acted for multiple Premier League football clubs in claims brought under policies of insurance for business interruption arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The case settled in early 2025 shortly before a three week Commercial Court trial. He was instructed by Clifford Chance.

AXA S.A. v Genworth (Commercial Court, ongoing)

[2020] EWHC 2024 (Comm), [2019] EWHC 3376 (Comm) & [2018] EWHC 2898 (Comm)

Acted for AXA in a claim for over £500m, relating to historic Payment Protection Insurance mis-selling, from the vendor of subsidiary insurance businesses. AXA struck out the defendant's Part 20 counterclaim as an abuse of process, before prevailing at subsequent liability and quantum hearings involving issues of contractual construction and subrogation, and expert evidence on market practice.

Unite the Union v Victoria Banking Services Ltd

[2014] EWHC 19 (Comm), [2015] EWCA Civ 285

Acted successfully, both at trial and in the Court of Appeal, for the defendant, a leading insurance group, in Commercial Court proceedings relating to commission claimed by a major trade union under an "affinity" marketing scheme.

In the Matter of an Indian Arbitration

(2010 - 2012)

Acted for the claimant, one of India's largest companies, in what was reputedly the largest ever Indian domestic arbitration. The claim was for significantly over US$500m under a material damage and business interruption insurance policy. The claim, which arose out of cyclone damage to an oil refinery, was arbitrated in Mumbai and the substantive hearing lasted over 3 months.

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AXA arbitrations

Acted (2009-2010) for AXA in a series of arbitrations against XL arising out of a billion dollar whole account excess of loss reinsurance programme.

Telecommunications

Andrew regularly advises and acts for companies (both claimants and defendants) in disputes relating to Telecoms & IT contracts. For example, (1) he acted in a £500m IT dispute (Home Office v Raytheon – see Arbitration); (2) he has regularly acted for and advised Vodafone; (3) he acted (2009) at trial (settled on day 4) for a claimant suing Cable & Wireless under earn-out provisions in a contract for the sale of a revolutionary MMS platform; and (4) in Vogon International Ltd v Serious Fraud Office (CA) [2004] All ER (D) 58 (Feb), he acted for a leading software retrieval company in the trial of a claim against the SFO for recovery of fees (the case involved the construction of the word "database").

Media & Entertainment

Andrew is instructed by the top specialist media and entertainment solicitors, and has considerable experience acting for and against artists, recording companies, and publishing companies.

> ***"Andrew is superb with clients. He is a tenacious advocate who delivers, and is without doubt a first port of call for a heavyweight silk in this area."***
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> — LEGAL 500, 2023

Cases

Black Molly v Leovegas

Acted for the sellers of a cattle B2C online gambling business in relation to various disputes arising from the share purchase agreement.

Gameware Europe Ltd v (1) Sony Computer Entertainment Europe Limited; (2) System 3 Software Limited; (3) Mark Andrew Cale

(ChD) (2014)

Acted for the second and third defendant in this dispute concerning ownership and infringement of intellectual property in the well-known "James Pond" and "Creatures" computer games.

Ray Dorset v Associated Music Ltd

Acted for Ray Dorset (Mungo Jerry) in an accounting claim relating to "In the Summertime".

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Steve Winwood v Chris Blackwell & Universal

Acted for Chris Blackwell in a claim brought by Steve Winwood for a share of the profits from his sale of "Island Records".

Bandana v Katherine Jenkins

Acted for KJ's former manager in a dispute over post-termination commission.

Sport

Andrew has regularly acted for and against teams, sportsmen, agents, and regulators in various different sports, including rugby, football, Formula 1, motor cycle racing and cricket.

"Good on sponsorship and media rights disputes."

— LEGAL 500, 2021

Cases

South Shields Football Club 1888 Limited v The Football Association Limited

Andrew sat on the independent Rule K Arbitral Tribunal in this legal challenge to The FA's decision to end the 2019/20 football season in Steps 3-7 of the English football National League System without promotion or relegation on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.

RFU v Bryce Heem

(2019)

Andrew acted for a Worcester Warriors player who was disciplined by the RFU for a tip tackle.

Club X v The Football League

Acted successfully for TFL in resisting an injunction made by a team in the League in relation to TFL's broadcasting contract.

Re. Blackpool Football Club Ltd

[2017] EWHC 2767 (Ch)

Andrew acted for the successful Petitioner, the former President of Blackpool FC, in his action claiming unfair prejudice. The Companies Court found that the company's majority shareholders had wrongly paid themselves disguised dividends, in the form of nearly £25m of excessive remuneration and uncommercial intra-group loans following Blackpool's promotion to the Premier League, while excluding the Petitioner from management. The Court ordered a buyout of the Petitioner's shares for £31m, basing this valuation on giving effect to an informal 'gentleman's agreement' that the Petitioner was to be treated as an equal shareholder, notwithstanding his formal holding of only a 20% stake.

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RFU advice

RFU advisory work relating to the Rugby World Cup in October 2015.

RFU v Richard Cockerill

(2013)

Acted for the RFU in disciplinary proceedings brought against Richard Cockerill, director of rugby at the Leicester Tigers.

FA v Alan Pardew

(2013)

Andrew acted for Alan Pardew, manager of Newcastle FC, in disciplinary proceedings brought against him.

RFU v Viagogo

(2011-13) [2011] EWHC 764 (QB)

Acted for the RFU (in the High Court) in successfully obtaining a Norwich Pharmacal order requiring a well-known website platform to disclose the identities of those selling tickets for, among others, Six Nations matches at Twickenham. The case subsequently went to the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

London Welsh v RFU

(2012)

Acted for the RFU in a claim brought by London Welsh challenging the legality of the RFU's rule requiring clubs to have "primacy of tenure" in order to be eligible for promotion. The rule was found to be an anti-competitive restraint being unnecessary/disproportionate for the aims of settling a stable fixture list to maximise broadcast revenue.

Birmingham City FC v Alex McLeish

(2011)

Acted for BCFC in its dispute with Alex McLeish relating to the termination of his contract as manager of BCFC.

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Art Disputes

Andrew advises and acts for public institutions, private collectors, art dealers and artists in art related disputes; and has regularly acted against auctions houses where disputes have arisen as to the ownership of art works (including disputes relating to art works confiscated from private families by the former Nazi and Communist regimes). For example: (1) he acted for a gallery seeking damages for non-delivery of a painting by Andy Warhol; (2) he acted in a claim relating to the attribution of a painting by Basquiat; (3) he advised a leading gallery on an attribution dispute in relation to a work by one of the great Renaissance masters; (4) he acted (2009) for a company in successfully obtaining an injunction restraining Christie's from proceeding with an auction of the company's antiques; (5) he acted for Prince Jefri of Brunei (and his wife Madame Salma) in an action relating to the alleged sale of a valuable art collection owned by the Prince and his wife; (6) he acted for The Royal Society in seeking to recover the "Hooke Folio" which had disappeared from the Society's premises over 300 years ago; and (7) he acted for the Trustees of the Beaverbrook Foundation in a claim for the return of US$50m of art from The Beaverbrook Gallery in Canada.

Cases

An art collector vs an art dealer

Andrew acted for the owner of a well known old master art collection, suing a well-known UK dealer for alleged mis-representation as to the provenance of two old master paintings.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Awards

- Legal 500 Awards 2022- Andrew has been nominated for Financial Services and Insurance Silk of the Year.
- The Lawyer Awards 2015 - Andrew was nominated for Barrister of the Year.
- Legal 500 Awards 2015 - Andrew was nominated for International Arbitration Silk of the Year.

Selected earlier reported cases

Commercial

- HSBC & Other Banks v Madame Sana & others (2011)
- Surgicraft Ltd v Paradigm Biodevices Inc. [2010] EWHC 1291 (Ch)
- Sheikh Abdullah v Michael Jackson (2009)
- BLP v B&Q (2009)
- Prince Jefri & Madame Salma v Derbyshire & Others (2009)

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Arbitration

- In the Matter of an Indian Arbitration (2010-2011)
- Acted (2010) for AXA in a series of arbitrations against XL arising out of the collapse of the Argentine economy in 2002.
- FSA v Vukelic (2009)
- AXA Re v ACE Global Markets Ltd [2006] EWHC 216 (Comm)
- Hesham Amin Hamza El Nasharty v J Sainsburys Plc [2003] EWHC 2195 (Comm)

Financial Services

- FSA v Greenlight/David Einhorn (2011)
- FSA v Osborne (2011)
- FSA v Ten Holter (2011)
- HSBC & Other Banks v Madame Sana & others (2011)
- FSA v Sachin Karpe (2010)
- FSA v Vukelic (financial reinsurance) [2009] FSMT

Insurance & Reinsurance

- AXA Re v ACE Global Markets Ltd [2006] EWHC 216 (Comm)
- Carvill v SBV [2005] EWCA Civ 645
- Mander v Equitas [2000] CLC 901
- Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation v Cornhill Insurance Plc [2000] Lloyd's Rep. IR 179 QBD (Com. Ct.)
- Groupama Navigation et Transports & Others v Catatumbo C.A.Seguros [2000] 1 Lloyd's Rep 266
- FIGRE v Mander [1999] Lloyd's Rep. 193 QBD (Com. Ct.)
- J.A.Chapman & Co.Ltd v Chios Breeze Marine Co [1998] Lloyd's Law Reports: Insurance & Reinsurance p377 (CA)
- Judd v Merrett [1997] Lloyd's Rep. IR 21 (CA)
- Toomey v Eagle (No2) [1995] 2 Lloyd's Rep. 88
- Toomey v Eagle Star (No1) [1994] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 516 (CA)

Sport

- RFU v Maidstone RFC (2011)
- UKA Selection Appeal Panel (2010)
- Everton v Gosling (2010)
- RFU v Brendan Venter (2010)
- Celtic Rugby v Ospreys (2010)
- RFU v Lipman, Crockett & Higgins (2009)
- Hilton v NISA (2009)
- Carlos Tevez v West Ham United Football Club Plc (2007)
- Gabriel Heinze v Manchester United Football Club (2007)
- De Lucas v Chelsea FC (2006)

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- Premier Rugby Ltd and others v Rugby Football Union and others [2006] All ER (D) 412
- Lichtenstein v Clube Atletico Mineiro [2005] EWHC 1300
- Carlton & Granada v The Football League [2002] EWHC 1650 (Comm)
- Modahl v The British Athletic Federation [2001] 1 WLR 1191, [2001] EWCA Civ 1447

Media & Entertainment

- Sheikh Abdullah v Michael Jackson (2009)
- McPhail & Others v Bourne & Others (2009)
- Alan Lancaster v Mercury Records Ltd (2008)
- Red Alert Music Promotions Ltd v MacManamon [2007] All ER (D) 397 (Mar)
- BBC Worldwide v Bee Load [2007] EWHC 134 (Comm)
- Experience Hendrix v PPX Inc [2003] EWCA Civ 323; [2003] 1 All E.R. (Comm) 830
- Lennox Lewis v Eliades [2005] EWHC 2966 (QB)

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