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Andrew joined Chambers in 2024, having begun practice in 2012 in Australia. He practises across chambers' core areas.

Before coming to the Bar, Andrew was an academic at UCLA, specialising in logic, epistemology and legal philosophy. He also lectured in public and private law at Melbourne University.

Before that, Andrew practised at a leading Australian law firm and was an associate to Justice Hayne in Australia's final appellate and constitutional court. There he worked on cases spanning commercial, public and international law.

Andrew has a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University and degrees in law and in philosophy from Melbourne University.

Recent Highlights

Public Institution for Social Security v Al Rajaan and others

Acting (with Stuart Ritchie KC, Hugh Norbury KC, Anna Dilnot KC, Nico Leslie, Christopher Burdin, Mark Belshaw and Joshua Kimblin) for the Kuwait national pension and social security fund in bribery claims (worth c. \$1 billion) brought against the fund's former director general and a number of financial institutions.

Cowan and another v Equis Special GP and others

Acting (with Anneliese Day KC and Nico Leslie) for the defendants in a \$440 million claim brought in the Cayman Islands against a major Asian private equity group, involving allegations of conspiracy and dishonest assistance in multiple jurisdictions.

Law Debenture Trust Corporation plc v Ukraine

Assisting with the defence of a claim brought against Ukraine for c. \$5 billion by Law Debenture Trust Corporation on behalf of the Russian Federation arising from a Eurobond issue in 2013 (during pupillage).

Commercial trusts appeal

Assisting with a \$100 million+ claim involving foundational principles of commercial trusts, on appeal to a foreign apex court (during pupillage).

Jurisdiction challenge

Assisting with a jurisdiction challenge to claims for £100 million+ arising under multiple foreign legal systems, involving issues of diplomatic immunity and the conflict of laws (during pupillage).

Expertise

Art & Cultural Property

Notable Art & Cultural Property cases

Valuable artworks

Assisting with advice on potential claims against an insurer and connected parties in relation to the alleged mishandling of valuable artworks (during pupillage).

Aviation & Travel

Notable Aviation & Travel cases

Transport operator charges

Assisting with advice on the liability of certain transport operators for charges said to be introduced in response to a regulatory mandate (during pupillage).

Banking & Finance

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M1 Ltd v Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Ltd

Assisting with the defence of a \$100 million+ claim under English and foreign law arising from the alleged breach of a prime brokerage agreement (during pupillage).

Loreley Financing (Jersey) No 30 v Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Ltd and others [2023] EWHC 2759 (Comm)

Assisting in relation to a \$160 million claim based on alleged fraudulent misrepresentations relating to the credit quality of residential mortgage-backed securities (during pupillage).

Various SAMs Borrowers v Bank of Scotland

Assisting with the defence of substantial group claims arising from the alleged mis-selling of a certain type of mortgage (during pupillage).

Jurisdiction challenge

Assisting with a jurisdiction challenge to claims for £100 million+ arising under multiple foreign legal systems, involving issues of diplomatic immunity and the conflict of laws (during pupillage).

Sovereign immunity

Assisting in relation to a \$20 million+ claim raising issues of sovereign immunity (during pupillage).

Assignment

Assisting with advice for major English and overseas financial institutions on the law of assignment (during pupillage).

Merger

Assisting with advice on certain contractual consequences of a merger between two significant international entities (during pupillage).

Civil Fraud

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Onecom Group Ltd and another v Eve Connect Ltd and others

Assisting with Commercial Court proceedings arising from the sale of a telecom business, involving claims for conspiracy, inducing breach of contract, breach of contract and breach of confidence (during pupillage).

Joyvio Group Co Ltd and others v Moreno and others

Assisting with a challenge to the jurisdiction of the English courts to hear a \$1 billion+ claim arising from the sale of a business, involving substantial allegations of fraud (during pupillage).

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Fraud, intimidation and conspiracy claim

Assisting with a €50 million+ claim involving allegations of fraud, intimidation and conspiracy (during pupillage).

Commercial Disputes

Notable Commercial Disputes cases

Commercial trusts appeal

Assisting with a \$100 million+ claim involving foundational principles of commercial trusts, on appeal to a foreign apex court (during pupillage).

Onecom Group Ltd v Palmer

Assisting with claims in the Commercial Court brought by the buyer of a telecom business for breach of warranty (during pupillage). The seller's applications for strike out and summary judgment were refused: [2024] EWHC 867 (Comm).

Transport operator charges

Assisting with advice on the liability of certain transport operators for charges said to be introduced in response to a regulatory mandate (during pupillage).

Company, Restructuring & Insolvency

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Corporate collapse

Assisting with advice on potential claims under the Companies Act in relation to a significant corporate collapse (during pupillage).

Financial Services

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Insurance business transfer

Assisting with advice on the transfer of an insurance business under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (during pupillage).

Regulatory treatment of financial product

Assisting with advice on the regulatory treatment of a proposed financial product (during pupillage).

Insurance

Notable Insurance cases

Claims arising out of Covid-19

Assisting with advice on high-value, complicated and numerous subrogated claims brought by an insurer against a corporate group arising out of Covid-19 (during pupillage).

Valuable artworks

Assisting with advice on potential claims against an insurer and connected parties in relation to the alleged mishandling of valuable artworks (during pupillage).

International Arbitration

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LCIA arbitration

Assisting with an LCIA arbitration claim for c. \$50 million arising from alleged breaches of international distribution and agency agreements (during pupillage).

Professional Discipline

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Malicious prosecution and misfeasance in public office

Assisting with advice on potential claims in malicious prosecution and misfeasance in public office against a regulatory authority (during pupillage).

Professional Negligence

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Professional negligence defence

Assisting with the preparation of the defence of a professional negligence claim (for c. £100 million) arising from advice allegedly given in relation to a failed corporate venture (during pupillage).

Tax

Notable Tax cases

Chevron Australia Holdings Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation (No 4) [2015] FCA 1092, (2015) 102 ATR 13

Acting for Chevron in a challenge to novel cross-border transfer pricing legislation as applied to an intra-group loan of US\$2.5 billion (as a solicitor).

Education

- DPhil in Philosophy, Oxford University
- LLB, Melbourne University (ranked 3rd in cohort of 407)
- BA in Philosophy, Melbourne University

International Bar / Court Appointments

- Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Victoria (2012)

Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

Appointments

- Postdoctoral Fellow in Law and Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles (2021–2023)
- Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin (2019–2020)
- Senior Fellow (2017–2019) and Fellow (2016), Law School, Melbourne University
- Research Associate, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Melbourne University (2015)
- Associate (Judicial Assistant) to Justice KM Hayne AC, High Court of Australia (2013–2014)
- Lawyer, King & Wood Mallesons, Australia (2012–2013, 2014–2015)

Prizes

- Graduate Scholarships and Graduate Prize, Trinity College, Oxford
- Scatcherd European Scholarship and Charterhouse European Bursary, Oxford University
- Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship
- Supreme Court Exhibition for Jurisprudence, Melbourne University
- Jessie Leggatt Scholarship for Indigenous People, History and the Law, Melbourne University
- Harry Emmerton Scholarship for Criminal Law, Melbourne University
- Melbourne Law School Scholarship, Melbourne University
- Baillieu Exhibition for French, Melbourne University
- Dr Santoro Prize for Italian, Melbourne University
- Dean's Honours, Faculty of Arts, Melbourne University
- Travelling Scholarship, Faculty of Arts, Melbourne University
- University of Melbourne National Scholarship

Languages

- French (fluent)
- Italian (advanced)
- German (advanced)