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Year of call: 2006

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"Andrew Deakin has a brilliant mind ... He is very meticulous in his preparation, he is a thoughtful advocate and powerful on his feet." Chambers and Partners 2022

Andrew is a public and regulatory lawyer. He has a broad public law practice focussing on national security law, immigration, human rights and prisons law. He has experience of acting in politically sensitive public inquiries and inquests raising human rights issues. Andrew is regularly instructed to advise on matters of data protection, freedom of information and other regulatory matters (including sanctions).

Andrew was appointed to the Attorney General's 'A' Panel of Treasury Counsel in 2018. He acts for both claimants and public authorities.

Areas of expertise

Administrative and Public Law

-- Immigration and Business Immigration

-- Inquests

-- Parole Board and Prisons

Inquiries and Investigations

Regulatory and Disciplinary

Information and Media

-- Inquests

Andrew appears regularly for both families and public authorities in inquests raising human rights matters. He has particular experience of deaths in prison and/or of vulnerable adults.

Cases of note:

Re MT (2021) - Suicide of vulnerable adult.

Re C (2017) - Art. 2 inquest into death of prisoner in custody involving police, prison officers, prison

healthcare, and the Probation Service.

Re E (2016) - Art. 2 inquest into the suicide of a recently released psychiatric patient.

Re C (2016) - Art. 2 inquest into death of prisoner in custody. (Inquest challenged on grounds of breach of natural justice.)

CM (a child) (2015) - Inquest into death of a child in care (complex medical history).

Lava & Ignite (2015) - Inquest into multiple deaths following crush injuries at the Lava & Ignite nightclub

Qualifications

Education

- 2005-2006: Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law (Outstanding)
- 2004-2005: CPE, City University (Merit)
- 2002-2003: M.Phil in philosophy, King's College, Cambridge
- 1998-2001: BA (Hons) in philosophy, Hughes Hall, Cambridge (1st Class)

Scholarships and prizes

- 2005: Sheldon Scholarship, Lord Denning Scholarship, Buchanan Prize (Lincoln's Inn).
- 2005: WCA Prize (Inns of Court School of Law).
- 2004: Haldane Scholarship and Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn).
- 2001: EM Burnett Prize (Hughes Hall, Cambridge University)

Additional information

- 2021: Joint author (with Helen Thompstone, former Legal Director at the National Crime Agency) of the chapter on Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures in National Security Law (Ward and Jones, OUP 2021)
- 2018: Appointed to Attorney General's 'A' panel of Treasury Counsel
- 2004-2005: Supervised formal logic at Cambridge University

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