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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

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Andrew acts for central government departments, local authorities, companies and individuals on data protection and freedom of information matters. Andrew has experience of acting in data protection related matters in the First-tier Tribunal, the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, and the Administrative Court. He is currently instructed in a number of systems challenges to HMG databases on Article 8 ECHR and privacy grounds. Andrew has a particular interest in the law of freedom of expression. He accepts *pro bono* instructions where appropriate.

Cases of note:

Christopher Stanley v (1) Information Commissioner and (2) Northern Ireland Office EA/2019/0019 - Acted for the Northern Ireland Office to resist the disclosure of a file entitled "Provisional IRA intentions and activities in Great Britain".

Kerr v (1) ICO and (2) The Ministry of Defence EA/2017/0129 - Resisting disclosure of commercially sensitive material arising in the context of an MoD procurement exercise. Arguments focused on section 43(2) FOIA and the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011.

Workman v (1) ICO and (2) Secretary of State for the Home Department EA/2017/0127 - Resisting disclosure of details of the working practices of Home Office Registered Pathologists on the basis of ss. 40 (personal data) and 36(2)(c) (prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs) FOIA

Dr John Fox v (1) ICO and (2) The Ministry of Defence EA/2017/00018 - Defending a decision to withhold information on the basis of s.23 FOIA (Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters).

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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