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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

Administrative and Public Law

Andrew has a wide ranging public law practice. He acts for both claimants and defendants in cases turning on matters of pure administrative law as well as cases concerning civil liberties and human rights. Andrew has extensive experience of both judicial review and public law damages claims. He advises and acts for HMG in cases involving national security (many of his instructions in this area raise international law issues) and has a particular interest in cases involving freedom of expression.

Cases of note:

R (D4) (notice of deprivation of citizenship) v Secretary of State for the Home Department

[2022] EWCA Civ 33 - Challenge to the service to file provisions of the British Nationality (General) Regulations 2003. Permission to appeal to Supreme Court granted.

Johnson v Secretary of State for the Home Department (QBD, judgment awaited) - Damages claim raising issues of alleged assault and mistreatment and unlawful detention arising out of failed deportation. Justiciability of Acts of State in issue.

C3, C4, C7 v Secretary of State for the Home Department (SIAC SC/167/2020) - Acted for the Secretary of State in deprivation of citizenship proceedings (led by Lisa Giovannetti QC).

KT v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (PIP) [2020] UKUT 252 (AAC) - Acted for the SSWP in an appeal to establish the meaning of "safely" as used in the washing and bathing component of the Social Security (Personal Independence Payment) Regulations 2013.

Findlay & Da Silva v Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy [2018] EWHC 1591 (QB) - Damages claim for alleged misfeasance in a public office and malicious prosecution.

Secretary of State for the Home Department v LF [2017] EWHC 2685 (Admin) - Acted for the Secretary of State in a section 9 review of LF's TPIM notice. (Led by Ben Watson QC).

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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