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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

-- Parole Board and Prisons

Andrew has extensive experience of prisons and Parole Board matters. He is currently instructed by the Secretary of State for Justice in a number of Parole Board proceedings relying on Closed material (the first of their kind in the jurisdiction of England and Wales). Andrew acts for both prisoners and public authorities. As well as acting in contested proceedings, Andrew regularly advises HMG on matters of prison and Parole Board policy.

Cases of note:

R (Kessie-Adjie) v Secretary of State for Justice [2022] EWHC 722 (Admin) - Challenge on Article 5 ECHR grounds to the recall of prisoners who are unlawfully at large without fault. (Led by Sam Grodzinski QC).

R (Mormoroc) v Ministry of Justice [2017] EWCA Civ 989 - The Appellant, an EU citizen, alleged discrimination on the basis that different policy considerations controlled a grant of Home Detention Curfew in his case than those applying to UK citizens. ECHR and EU law in issue.

Guntrip v Parole Board (1) and Secretary of State for Justice (2) [2015] A.C.D. 67 - Acted for the Secretary of State defending an Article 5 ECHR challenge on grounds of delay.

R (on the application of LD; RH; BK) v Secretary of State for Justice [2014] EWHC 3517 (Divisional Court)

- Human rights challenge to PSI 67/2011 on grounds that the policy did not properly constrain full body searches of women prisoners.

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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