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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

Inquiries and Investigations

Andrew has been instructed by HMG in a number of sensitive inquiries. In addition to his inquiry work Andrew is regularly instructed by central and local government clients to review the lawfulness of historic decision making and proposed policies. In addition to his core inquiries and investigation work, Andrew also has experience of advising on challenges to unpublished investigation reports.

Cases of note:

Angiolini Inquiry (ongoing) - Phase 1 of the Angiolini Inquiry is aimed at establishing an account of the

police career of the killer of Sarah Everard and making recommendations. Andrew is instructed by the Cabinet Office.

Local Authority Review (2020) - Review of investigation and disciplinary action taken against a councillor following accusations of dishonesty.

Hart Institutional Abuse Inquiry (2016) - Andrew was instructed by several government departments and agencies in the Hart Inquiry into institutional abuse in Northern Ireland.

Al Sweady Inquiry (2014) - Andrew acted for over 200 military witnesses in the Al Sweady Inquiry into allegations of murder and mistreatment of Iraqi detainees.

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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