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ANDREW GRIME

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Andrew Grime has established his reputation as a specialist practitioner in family and civil law.

Family Finance

In family law Andrew undertakes a wide variety of financial settlements following the breakdown of marriage and civil partnership (financial relief) work including high value asset cases, domestic and international trust asset cases and Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 applications.

Selected Cases

R v. R [2015]

Andrew successfully represented the Executor of a multi-million pound Estate, comprising assets in both the UK and Bangladesh, against claims of breach of duty.

Children Law (Private)

In cases involving children he advises and represents litigants in a wide range of private law applications in the High Court, County Court and Court of Appeal.

Children Law (Public)

He also has considerable experience representing local authorities, parents and guardians dealing with cases involving allegations of serious non-accidental injury, head trauma, sexual abuse (including Fictitious disorder/Munchhausen syndrome by proxy), subdural/retinal haemorrhages and mentally disabled adults.

Selected Cases

[A Local Authority v. A Mother, Z, J, K MK, G and JL \[2017\] EWHC 50 per Baker J](#)

Andrew successfully acted on behalf of a father in care proceedings where multiple allegations of serious sexual abuse were made. The judgment exonerated the father of any involvement.

[S&L v. P&P \[2015\]](#)

Andrew acted on behalf of the Executors in defending claims regarding allegations of lack of testamentary capacity.

[I v. A \[2014\]](#)

Andrew acted on behalf of a severely disabled child in a claim pursuant to the I(PFD) Act 1975.

[D v. D \[2014\]](#)

Andrew acted on behalf of Executors in a claim pursuant to the I(PFD) Act 1975 by an adult child including allegations of very serious sexual abuse by the deceased.

[Re T \[2004\] EWCA Civ 5581, \[2004\] 2 FLR 838 CA, The Independent 27th May 2004](#)

Care threshold criteria, confirmed the test set out in *Re H(Minors)(Sexual Abuse Standard of Proof)* [1996] AC 563 and overruled the decision of Bodey J

[Re ET \(Serious Injuries: Standard of Proof\) \[2003\] 2 FLR](#)

Where the distinction between the civil and criminal standards of proof was stated to be 'largely illusory'.

Inheritance, Wills & Probate

Andrew has extensive experience in claims concerning inheritance and the vulnerable elderly. He regularly

undertakes work in a number of areas of contentious probate and his current practice incorporates:

- Claims pursuant to the Inheritance (Provision for Families and Dependants) Act 1975 (often in relation to high value estates, his experience in this area is complemented by his expertise in complex financial remedy applications);
- Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996;
- Constructive trusts;
- Proprietary and promissory estoppel;
- Testamentary capacity;
- Administration issues.

Andrew is an accredited Mediator, trained through ADR and he regularly acts in the mediation of Inheritance Act claims both as a mediator and counsel.

Personal Injury

In common law Andrew undertakes a wide range of work. Recent cases include big money personal injury claims (including brain injuries).

Commercial

Andrew has experience of acting in contractual disputes and deals with covenants in restraint of trade.

Professional Negligence

Andrew acts in professional negligence claims.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Andrew was trained by ADR and accredited as a mediator in 2005 since when he has been involved in many mediations covering a wide variety of commercial disputes, frequently of a complex and multi-party nature. He is renowned for his thorough preparation and his ability to get to the root of a dispute. Always practical and pragmatic,

he is never afraid to play devil's advocate to engage parties in reaching a solution to their disagreement.

Andrew has mediated disputes involving banking and finance, business contracts, construction and property disputes (with a particular interest in claims pursuant to the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996), trusts, Wills and claims made under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents Act) 1975. He has further been regularly engaged as 'mediation counsel' and 'Settlement Counsel' where existing representatives have been unable to extract clients from protracted and complex litigation and a more commercial approach is required.

Qualifications

- Accredited Mediator

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Professional activities

Andrew lectures regularly for CLT on trust issues in respect of cohabitation disputes.

He also lectures to solicitors throughout England and Wales in respect of Children Act 1989 Schedule 1 applications, ancillary relief, Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 and probate.

Outside Interests

During his rare moments of spare time, Andrew indulges his love of classical music, football and foreign travel. He is a patron of the Salisbury Musical Society.