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"Andrew is a highly experienced and skillful advocate; he has a brilliant combination of a robust but utterly charming style that is highly persuasive. He is utterly committed to his cases, is a fountain of knowledge and has brilliant recollection of relevant case law."

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Andrew Grime is a highly experienced specialist practitioner in family and civil law, with a particular emphasis on disputes where the two areas overlap.

His financial work encompasses matrimonial finance, Schedule 1, international issues and complex substantial asset cases.

Andrew's practice involves all aspects of care and adoption proceedings, including complex and serious injury cases. He acts for parents, children and local authorities as well as public bodies, victims and perpetrators of sexual and physical abuse and CAFCASS.

His children work includes disputes in respect of living and care arrangements, international relocation, complex disputes involving allegations of harm, mental health issues and parental alienation.

He advises and represents clients in a wide range of probate claims and property disputes with a particular emphasis on claims pursuant to the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 and the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

He is an accredited mediator in civil and family finance cases.

Family Finance

Andrew is a highly regarded senior junior with a busy practice covering all issues of matrimonial finance, with a particular emphasis on matters dealing with businesses, farming disputes, companies and partnerships, often involving substantial and complex assets spread over various jurisdictions. He has a particular interest in trust

issues.

He is regularly asked to advise and represent clients, particularly former cohabitees, on the existence and extent of beneficial interests in land and Children Act 1989, Schedule 1 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)

Andrew is a highly regarded senior junior with a wide-ranging private law practice, with particular expertise in complex and high conflict cases. He regularly advises and represents clients in cases involving disputes as to living and care arrangements, domestic and international relocation, allegations of harm and parental alienation. He often acts in matters where there are issues in respect of mental health and substance abuse.

He regularly speaks on private law issues at Chambers' seminars and for Resolution.

Children Law (Public)

Andrew is a highly experienced practitioner in all public law proceedings and regularly acts on behalf of local authorities, parents, guardians and children in complex and lengthy care cases. He has considerable experience dealing with cases of sexual harm, non-accidental injury, shaking injuries, neglect, drug and alcohol issues, suspected Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and fictitious or induced injury.

He has advised upon and represented clients in respect of claims alleging breaches of human rights within care proceedings. These have included proceedings concerning the unfair and unlawful treatment of parents as well as the defence of claims where local authorities failed to initiate proceedings for children who had been voluntarily placed in care.

Selected Cases

Wiltshire Council v M & Anor (gonorrhoeal infection in a child) [2021] EWFC B31

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 acting for both claimants and defendants (including executors) in claims concerning inheritance and the vulnerable elderly. His knowledge is materially enhanced by his family finance experience. 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 Dependents) Act 1975 (often in relation to high value estates, his experience in this area is complemented by his expertise in complex financial remedy applications);

- Claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996;
- Constructive trust claims between cohabitees or in respect of contested estates and resulting trusts;
- Claims by way of equitable estoppel;
- Claims in respect of testamentary capacity and undue influence.

In relation to trust work, he is often involved where trusts and matrimonial finance law overlap. He has advised and represented trustees on their position in financial remedy proceedings.

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.

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Trusts of Land

Andrew is a highly experienced practitioner with particular expertise in advising and representing clients in complex disputes relating to constructive and resulting trusts, equitable estoppel and undue influence.

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 civil, property and 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 works hard to gain the confidence of parties ensuring a consensual resolution to their

disputes.

Andrew has mediated disputes involving business contracts, 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 pursuant to the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents Act) 1975.

Whilst not a trained family mediator, Andrew has a wealth of experience in family law and has successfully mediated matrimonial finance claims under the Civil ADR mediation model and by way of 'private FDR'.

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.