

Andrew Kennedy KC

Call: 1989 KC: 2021



Andrew Kennedy KC has practised at 1 Crown Office Row since 2004. Before he joined 1COR he was in practice at 6 Pump Court.

Andrew practises in clinical negligence, regulatory & disciplinary law, personal injury and sports law, inquests and public inquiries.

Andrew Kennedy KC has been recommended for a number of years by the principal legal directories.

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Chambers & Partners 2025

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Legal 500 2024

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Clinical Negligence

Andrew Kennedy KC is recommended by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 for Clinical Negligence. He recently succeeded in *Pomphrey v Secretary of State for Health and another* (2019) an important clinical negligence trial examining causation and the scope of duty.

"Andrew is very pragmatic and sensible. He is very approachable, very good with the clients and his advice is always timely and on point." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"Andrew's advocacy is highly effective and engaging. He is adept at witness handling and cross-examination, in particular of expert witnesses. In addition his ability to craft an excellent closing speech is impressive as is his ability to think on his feet in court and adapt strategy." (Legal 500 2025)

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"Andrew is extremely empathetic and sees the bigger picture." (Chambers & Partners 2023)

"He is very strong with medical evidence, especially in complex cases." "He has vast experience." "He's very measured and does a great job for his clients." (Chambers & Partners 2022)

"Andrew gets to grips with complex legal and medical facts and condenses them into clear arguments for the client, the experts and the opponents." (Legal 500 2022)

Professional Discipline & Regulation

Andrew has been a leading practitioner in healthcare related disciplinary and regulatory practice since the substantial increase in volume of this work in the mid 1990s. He has been instructed on behalf of the respondent practitioner in some of the most significant and high-profile cases over that time including GMC v Wishart & ors (paediatric cardiac surgery in Bristol), GMC v Urquhart & anor (breast screening at RD&E), and GMC v Williams (forensic pathologist for the Crown in R v Sally Clark).

He has represented a number of forensic pathologists before the Home Office Delivery Board for Forensic Pathology.

The majority of Andrew's disciplinary practice involves acting for respondent practitioners, but he has acted for the regulator on a number of occasions. He has appeared before all the major healthcare regulators (GMC, GDC, NMC, HPC, RPS, GOC, GCC) as well as other regulators (CSP, UKCP and others). He also appears before the RCVS and has conducted cases before a number of non-medical regulators including SDT, BSB.

Andrew represents doctors, dentists and other professionals in appeals to the High Court arising from

disciplinary cases.

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"Andrew is a superb and empathetic advocate." (Chambers & Partners 2025)

"He is very thorough in preparation and authoritative in his advocacy." (Legal 500 2025)

"Andrew is a joy to work with. He is precise and thorough and instils confidence." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Andrew is an excellent lawyer – meticulous on the papers and engaging on his feet." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"A safe pair of hands with a wide breadth of knowledge." (Chambers & Partners 2024)

"Andrew is a dream to work with as he is very responsive, approachable and inspires confidence at every stage." (Legal 500 2024)

"Andrew is incredibly experienced and a confident and persuasive advocate. He has secured unexpectedly excellent outcomes in difficult circumstances and is always willing to help with adhoc queries." (Legal 500 2024)

Selected Cases

- GMC v Dr. X – defending obstetrician following still-birth/neo-natal death
- GDC v Dr. P – ongoing defence of GDP against charges concerning professional competence and dishonesty
- GMC v Mr B – defending paediatric surgeon in complaint concerning death of three babies
- GMC v Dr. C – defending obstetrician against allegations concerning his medico-legal practice
- GMC v Nooh [2017] EWHC 2948 (Admin) – one of the first GMC appeals under s.40A of the Medical Act 1983
- GMC v Mr. W – defending cardiac surgeon in relation to surgical deaths
- GMC v Dr. K- defending doctor against charges arising from practice of alternative medicine.

Inquests

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"He is extremely bright and astute in the points he draws out and identifies. He is very popular with the tribunal."
"He is cool, calm and collected, and very responsive and easy to deal with. He is very good at getting to grips with all the issues in the case." (Chambers and Partners 2021)

"A brilliant brain, a low key approach. Absolutely joyful to work with." (Legal 500 2021)

Public Inquiries

Andrew has been involved in a some of the major inquiries conducted by regulatory bodies including inquiries into:

- Paediatric cardiac surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary.
- Breast screening at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.
- The Home Office pathologist instructed by the Crown in the case of Sally Clark.

He has also represented a number of prominent Home Office Pathologists at inquiries before the Home Office Delivery Board for Forensic Pathology.

Andrew is currently acting on behalf of the UK Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation in the Infected Blood Inquiry.

"Andrew is very knowledgeable and makes clients and his instructing solicitors feel at ease. He gets to grips with cases quickly and knows them inside out which shows in his attention-to-detail and instils confidence in those instructing him." (Legal 500 2023)

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Publications

- Contributor to the 1COR Quarterly Medical Law Review (QMLR)