

## Andrew Lewis KC

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### Practice Overview

Andrew Lewis KC has vast experience in all areas of personal injury and clinical negligence work, having specialised in these fields since joining the Bar. He sits as a Deputy High Court Judge. In Silk his practice largely consists of traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury and cerebral palsy claims.

Andrew now concentrates on working as an Evaluative Mediator in personal injury and clinical negligence claims. He is an Accredited Mediator with the Society of Mediators and has successfully worked as Mediator and Evaluator for many years, creating protocols and providing training for an independent mediation and evaluation provider.

Legal Directories consistently rate Andrew as a Tier 1 Leading Silk for his personal injury and clinical negligence work.

*"Andrew is as good as it gets. He is charming, sensible, pragmatic, an excellent lawyer, and an opponent that it is a real pleasure to be against. He is first-class for catastrophic loss claims."* - The Legal 500 (2024)

*"He is calm, measured, very astute and commercially minded, but not afraid to roll up his sleeves to get the right result."* "Andrew is a joy to work with. He gets to the heart of complex medical causation issues with ease." - Chambers and Partners (2024)

*"A consummate professional with an eye for detail and an unflappable courtroom manner. His advocacy is a model of clarity."* - Legal 500 (2023)

*"He is a superb negotiator and has everything you would want in an effective opponent: excellent judgement and knowledge, robust but fair and effective advocacy and huge charm."* Legal 500 (2022)

*"An excellent and very experienced silk. He is very calm, reassuring, thorough and always extremely well prepared."* *"He is a polished advocate and a delightful opponent."* - Chambers and Partners (2021)

*"A gifted advocate who has the ability to communicate well with families and put them at ease."* *"He is highly skilled, extremely approachable, and excellent both in court and in negotiations."* - Chambers and Partners (2021)

*"He is very detailed and thorough assessment of the evidence. He is excellent in conference with balancing the complex medical and legal points in discussions with experts and also making everything accessible for the client or litigation friend to follow the evidence and the views being discussed."* - The Legal 500 (2021)

specialised in this field since joining the Bar. His personal-injury practice consists of catastrophic injury claims, particularly brain and spinal-cord injury cases. He is very experienced in work involving competing claims of exaggeration/fraud versus subtle brain injury/chronic pain/somatoform disorder. In his clinical negligence practice, he undertakes mostly serious cerebral palsy negligent-birth claims.

Chambers & Partners 2022 (PI) - Band 1 Silk

**Strengths:** "Very personable, pragmatic and a nice opponent in court. He fights his corner." "He is fantastic with clients and is able to simplify complex things. He is very user-friendly."

Chambers & Partners 2022 (Clin Neg) - Band 1 Silk

**Strengths:** "Exceptionally gifted and tremendously astute. He also has a good rapport with clients." "Very smooth, confident and always prepared within an inch of his life." "Excellent - he is pragmatic and prepared to roll up his sleeves and find a solution."

Legal 500 2022 - Tier 1 Silk

"Highly respected by opponents and judges alike, never flustered and always talks straight. Andrew's attention to detail is first class."

## **PRACTICE AREAS**

Personal Injury  
Clinical Negligence  
Industrial Disease

## **APPOINTMENTS**

2001 - Recorder (Civil)  
2004 - Recorder (Crime)  
2009 - Queens Counsel  
2010 - Deputy High Court Judge

## **ASSOCIATIONS**

Personal Injury Bar Association  
North Eastern Circuit  
Associate Mediator of the Civil Mediation Council

## **Clinical Negligence**

Andrew has vast experience of all areas of clinical negligence work. He works for Claimants undertaking cases of all types up to the most serious cerebral palsy negligent birth claims.

Andrew has dealt with a wide range of claims with particular experience of Accident & Emergency and orthopaedic failures, obstetric claims (cerebral palsy/shoulder dystocia), paediatric cardiac surgery, delayed diagnosis of cancer, gastro-intestinal claims and failed cosmetic surgery.

## **Personal Injury**

Andrew has vast experience in all areas of personal injury and clinical negligence work having specialised in this field since joining the Bar. He was a contributor to Butterworth's Personal Injury Litigation Service.

Andrew's personal injury practice consists largely of fatal and catastrophic injury claims, particularly brain and spinal cord injury case. Andrew is very experienced in work involving competing claims of exaggeration/fraud

versus subtle brain injury/chronic pain/somatoform disorder. His disease work is now largely based around asbestos induced mesothelioma claims. Andrew works for both Claimants and Defendants.

Andrew's work not only includes drafting, advising and court work but he attends a considerable number of Joint Settlement Meetings and Mediations in high value claims.

## Directory Comments

Andrew Lewis QC is a highly regarded barrister who is noted for his vast experience handling claims involving injuries of the utmost severity. He also fields considerable expertise in cases involving allegations of fraud and exaggeration.

**Strengths:** "He is pragmatic, sensible and quick." "One of the most approachable QCs - he makes you feel completely at ease." "Always very well prepared and has excellent attention to detail."  
Chambers & Partners 2022 (PI)

Leading silk who maintains an unparalleled practice in the North East. He focuses his skills on multimillion-pound cases and has an outstanding reputation for acting on claims involving serious injury and competing claims of fraud or exaggeration. He is also experienced in the handling of industrial disease claims concerning asbestos-based mesothelioma. He mainly acts for the defence.

**Strengths:** "Unflappable and well respected by his peers." "A legendary QC who is rightly regarded as one of the best around." "He is very pleasant to deal with, always well prepared and constructive in all his dealings. He is imaginative in the way he thinks about cases and looks for means which might aid resolution. He's pragmatic, has good judgement and does not waste time on points that will not advance his client's cause."

**Recent work:** Acted in a case concerning a claimant who suffered a severe traumatic brain injury following an RTA.

Chambers & Partners 2020 (PI)

He possesses deep experience in complex clinical negligence, and is frequently sought out to handle major birth injury claims that typically involve cerebral palsy and other brain damage to babies.

**Strengths:** "He was awesome: he was very human and personable, exceedingly knowledgeable, and he always made us feel involved in the process."

Chambers & Partners 2020 (Clin Neg)

Leading silk who maintains an unparalleled practice in the North East. He focuses his skills on multimillion-pound cases and has an outstanding reputation for acting in claims involving serious injury and competing claims of fraud or exaggeration. He mainly acts for the defence.

**Strengths:** "Extremely good. Down to earth, approachable and combative when he needs to be. He's realistic and easy to deal with and he has good attention to detail." "Someone we really trust for high-value cases."

**Recent work:** Acted in a case relating to an RTA in which a child suffered brain damage.

Chambers & Partners 2018 (PI)

Andrew Lewis QC of Park Square Barristers Queen's Counsel and head of chambers with deep experience in complex clinical negligence. He is frequently sought out to handle major birth injury claims that typically involve cerebral palsy and other brain damage to babies.

**Strengths:** "He's very pleasant, very personable and he knows what he's doing. He's formidable, but he's a nice bloke with it." "Has a wonderful manner both in court and with clients and experts. He's a skilled advocate and negotiator."

**Recent work:** Represented the claimant in a negligent birth case in which the claimant suffered brain damage and deafness.

Chambers & Partners 2018 (Clin Neg)

Queen's Counsel with deep experience in complex clinical negligence. He is frequently sought out to handle major birth injury claims that typically involve cerebral palsy and other brain damage to babies.

**Strengths:** "Clients like him. He has a grasp of what is required in these cases, is not out of touch and clients take to him immediately." "He is quick to grasp things and will raise questions ahead of any meeting if he needs to, so everything runs much more smoothly."

Chambers & Partners 2017 (Clin Neg)

He focuses his skills on multimillion-pound cases and has an outstanding reputation for acting for defendants. His experience extends to catastrophic injury claims relating to brain and spinal cord injuries as well as industrial disease matters.

**Strengths:** "A standout advocate who gives clear advice." "Andrew is a safe pair of hands. He always provides sound advice, is down to earth and so easy to deal with, always putting clients at their ease."

Chambers & Partners 2017 (PI)

"A highly accomplished and very friendly silk" "A very personable silk, who has never lost the human touch" Legal 500 2017

Deputy High Court Judge, Andrew Lewis QC is frequently sought out to handle a range of complex cases. He has extensive experience acting in brain and spinal injury claims.

**Strengths:** "He has a very calm manner which puts the clients at ease." "He doesn't get bogged down in the unnecessary issues." "He's very tenacious; he's got good judgement and is prepared to fight."

Chambers & Partners 2016 (Clin Neg)

Offers extensive experience in brain and spinal injuries, most notably acting on behalf of defendants. Commentators enthuse about his accessibility and ability to get to the heart of issues.

**Strengths:** "He is exceptionally good. A modern, user-friendly silk who is very bright and very capable." "He is an extremely able advocate with a very attractive way of getting a judge's attention."

Chambers & Partners 2016 (PI)

'Excellent with clients and a skilled negotiator.'

Legal 500 2016

"Excellent grasp of papers, adaptable in negotiations, and judges client meetings perfectly"

Legal 500 United Kingdom 2015

"Has a depth of knowledge in relation to brain and spinal cord injuries. Also notable is his experience in a broad range of claims, including fraud and disease work.

**Expertise:** "He is a charming person and is capable of simplifying challenging law and medical issues." "An absolutely superb barrister, he is tremendous with clients and never lets us down."

Chambers and Partners 2015 - Personal Injury

"Tenacious and persuasive"

Legal 500 2014

"Andrew Lewis QC ... is a first-class lawyer with great attention to detail and a wonderful way with clients. He tackles both personal injury and clinical negligence cases."

2013 Chambers and Partners

"Andrew Lewis QC ... is a skilled and articulate advocate, with a very easygoing manner, and gets on very well with clients. He is recommended for catastrophic injury claims "

2013 Legal 500

"Andrew Lewis QC ... is respected by his opponents. His practice is split between personal injury and clinical negligence. "  
2012 Chambers and Partners

"Andrew Lewis QC ... is very well regarded among peers ..."  
2012 Legal 500

"Andrew Lewis QC... has vast experience of many severe injury cases, including brain and spinal injuries claims. According to peers, he is a 'disarmingly charming advocate who goes about his business in a highly effective way.' "  
2011

"Andrew Lewis QC 'is thought to be 'one of the most approachable silks in the country.' He is popular amongst solicitors and fellow barristers as he offers 'well-rounded and meticulously thought-out advice'."  
2010