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Profile

Ranked as a Leading Junior in the directories, Chambers & Partners says, **“he provides very coherent advice, often with a creative angle to it”** and he **“is tremendously well prepared and fights very hard”**. Andréa is **“unfazed by the Defendant’s tactics and comes out on top”** obtaining **“excellent results at trial”**. **“He has a coherent, resolute style. His structured approach and experience has reaped rewards.”** The Legal 500 says that Andréa **“fights until the job is done to the highest possible standard”**, is **“very knowledgeable”** and has a **“personable style and can do attitude”**.

Andréa practices in catastrophic personal injury, fatal accidents and clinical negligence work together with high value CICA hearings/appeals.

A personal injury lawyer with 20 years experience, Andréa is regularly instructed to represent Claimants who have suffered the most serious and catastrophic injuries through accident and clinical negligence inclusive of severe traumatic brain injury, spinal cord trauma and amputation. Solicitors for the country’s leading Legal Expenses Insurers and Trade Unions regularly instruct Andréa.

As a Senior Junior Andréa regularly appears against directory ranked junior and leading counsel and regularly conducts multi-million pound litigation without being led. He presently has lead conduct of several such actions including one particular action that has a likely value approaching £10m. In the last 6 months he has concluded 3 multi-million pound actions including a settlement of over £3m for a seriously injured motorcyclist. As a motorcyclist himself, Andréa has the keenest understanding of the liability issues surrounding motorcycle RTAs and is always able to appreciate and understand the rider’s point of view.

Interesting examples of Andréa’s recent work include a settlement close to £1m for a Claimant who slipped on a wet floor and who suffered a serious, but unidentifiable injury to her vestibular system. A settlement of several hundred thousand pounds for a victim of a spinal injury where the symptoms of spinal cord damage did not manifest until many months post-accident; the first settlement offer in that action was just £2,000 made prior to Andréa’s involvement. One other claim resulted in a 7 figure settlement obtained for 7 claimants injured as passengers in a car that had crashed following a tyre tread and belt failure. The litigation involved some of the world’s leading experts in tyre construction and the Claimants were successful after 4 years of litigation notwithstanding there was only limited photographic evidence of the tyre available. He has also conducted 2 successful multi-party actions involving serious upper limb disorders suffered by nuclear refuelers. Andréa also successfully represented the driver of a gritter vehicle who suffered a devastating lower limb injury when his gritter lorry skidded on ice, left the road and crashed down an embankment.

Other interesting highlights include a multi-party action worth over £1m where Andréa represented emergency services call operators in their claims for Work Related Upper Limb Disorder.



Andreá is also known for his involvement in Article 2 inquests including the 6-week inquiry into the death in custody of Anne Marie Bates at HMP Brockhill. Andreá represented 10 Prison Officers, including all of the whistleblowers; the inquiry was nationally reported due to the allegation of an inappropriate relationship between an Officer and an inmate that was alleged to have played a role in the death. Andreá also represented a number of Officers at the inquest into the death of Lee Blake, the sole fatality arising out of the 2002 riots at HMP Lincoln.

Andreá has superb client care skills and an extraordinary breadth of knowledge relating to medical and liability experts; developed via close working relationships over many years. He utilises both skills to help obtain truly excellent results for his clients.

Andreá is a leading expert in Criminal Injuries Compensation. He has undertaken many successful appeals, some of which have attracted the attention of the national press including a 500% increase in award for a rape victim. Andreá has obtained a number of CICA appeal judgments for over £1m and recently obtained the maximum award of £500,000 for a victim of serious sexual assault whose claim for compensation was initially refused.