

# **Andrew Nicklin**

Year of Call: 2010

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### **Commercial**

Andrew is an experienced commercial and chancery practitioner. His expertise spans business-to-business contractual disputes, equitable remedies, partnership disputes, insolvency, professional negligence, and consumer law.

#### **Core Specialist Areas:**

Insolvency and Bankruptcy: Andrew has a wealth of experience in handling insolvency matters, including acting for liquidators, validating transactions pre-bankruptcy orders, and resisting injunctions related to winding up petitions.

Partnership Disputes: Often involving real property assets, which are referred to arbitration under partnership agreements.

Commercial Disputes: Involving complex multi-jurisdictional proceedings, misrepresentation, and estoppel defences.

Professional Negligence: Extending to claims against solicitors, pre-purchase building surveys, and successful representation of architects in court trials.

**Equitable Remedies**: With a strong background in equitable remedies, Andrew advises on unconscionable transactions, fraud, non est factum, and cases involving the court's equitable jurisdiction.

#### Recent and ongoing Cases:

- Acting a claim for a substantial deferred remuneration and contractual interest. The dispute arises from a broader investment in innovative culinary solutions distributed internationally, with the case centering on the rescission of a previous agreement and the conditionality of payment on further funding.
- Acting for a liquidator in the recovery of payments made post-winding up petition, managing validation order applications and other claims for void payments.
- Advised and represented a businessman in a validation order concerning a home transaction before a bankruptcy order.
- Successfully resisted an injunction to restrain the presentation of a winding up petition related to unpaid invoices under a substantial construction contract.
- Represented a dentist in bankruptcy proceedings, rescinding the bankruptcy order after securing commercial funding.
- Handled various winding up petitions, bankruptcy petitions, and applications to set aside statutory demands.
- Handled a partnership dispute involving approximately £1.5 million in real property assets referred to arbitration.
- Advised on unconscionable transactions and other equitable remedies, including property transfers at undervalue.
- Represented a professional theatre company in a substantial loss of profit claim arising from a breach of contract.
- Professional Negligence:
  - o Claimed damages against a solicitors' firm for negligent advice on the release of a no-build covenant.
  - o Successfully represented an architect in a county court trial for alleged faulty work.

#### Recommendations

'Andrew is extremely knowledgeable and very thorough in his approach. He also has excellent inter-personal skills with clients, explaining complicated legal concepts clearly and in a way that lay clients can understand. He is also an excellent and tenacious advocate, putting his clients' cases clearly and persuasively. He gives good tactical advice whilst also being honest with clients about the merits of their cases.'

Legal 500 2026/Property and Construction/South Eastern Circuit/Leading Juniors

'Andy is calm and methodical and de-codes complex legal issues for lay clients in pressured environments such as mediations and hearings, putting them at ease and enabling them to be more measured in their approach.'

Legal 500 2026/Private Wealth, Probate and Tax/South Eastern Circuit/Leading Juniors

Andrew Nicklin is known for his 'thoroughness in complex drafting' and recently acted for a restaurant tenant seeking a new lease and costs order.

'Andrew is great with clients and has a knack for explaining complex legal issues in an accessible way. He is commercial, with a good understanding.'

Legal 500 2025/Property and Construction/South Eastern Circuit/Leading Juniors

'Andrew is extremely good with the lay client, putting them at ease. He is also readily accessible to instructing solicitors.' **Legal 500 2025**/Chancery, Probate and Tax/South Eastern Circuit/Leading Juniors

'Andrew is very hands-on and helpful, happy to offer advice throughout a case on an ad hoc basis to assist with case progression. He is very well-prepared, including in the mediation context. He is very good at managing a client, and his negotiation skills are excellent.'

Legal 500 2024/Chancery, Probate and Tax/South Eastern Circuit/Leading Juniors

"a preferred counsel of mine in respect of property related disputes."

Mark Taylor, Partner, Cunningtons LLP

### **Academic qualifications**

- LLB, First Class Honours, College of Law (2010)
- Graduate Diploma in Law, Distinction, College of Law, Birmingham (2009)
- Bar Vocational Course, Outstanding, College of Law, London (2010)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), University of Warwick
- BA (Hons) History, University of Bristol

## **Scholarships**

- Middle Temple, Baron Dr Ver Heyden de Lancey Prize for 'Outstanding' results: BVC
- Middle Temple, Certificate of Honour: BVC
- Middle Temple, BVC Diplock Scholar
- Middle Temple, GDL Benefactors Scholar
- Middle Temple, Blackstone Entrance Exhibition
- Leonard Sainer Foundation Trust Award
- Mills & Reeve LLP Prize, Best Overall GDL Student (College of Law, Birmingham, 2009)
- Mills & Reeve LLP Prizes, Best GDL scores in Land, Public and EC Law (College of Law, Birmingham, 2009)

# **Professional qualifications & appointments**

- Deputy District Judge (South Eastern Circuit)
- Fee-paid Employment Judge of the Employment Tribunals (England & Wales) London Central

### **Professional bodies**

- Member of the Chancery Bar Association
- Member of the South Eastern Circuit
- Property Bar Association

### **Direct Access**

Andrew Nicklin is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.