

WESTGATE CHAMBERS

Andrew Judge

Barrister



Andrew is a Family law specialist, who also has considerable expertise in Civil and regulatory work following successful tenures in both professional practice and local government.

Andrew also accepts instructions by way of direct access.

Care Proceedings

Andrew acts for parents and children through their guardians in both Care Proceedings and Private Law.

Private Law/Child Arrangements

Andrew also receives instructions relating to child arrangements. Some of the cases he deals with have issues concerning coercive control and parental alienation.

Local Government and Planning

Given his extensive experience of both executive leadership, scrutiny and planning in local government, Andrew is also hugely active in Local Government, Planning and Environmental Law. He undertakes cases that involve local authorities and public agencies.

Andrew is an expert in sustainable development and initiated the Merton Rule. This was the first prescriptive planning policy to require new commercial buildings over 1,000 square meters to generate at least 10% of their energy needs using on site renewable energy equipment.

This initiative has now been followed by 140 local authorities. It also underpins the Planning and Energy Act 2008 which enables all councils in England and Wales to adopt a Merton Rule as well as specifying more stringent energy efficiency standards over and above that of building regulations.

Year of Call: 1986

Core Practice Areas:

Family, Care Proceedings, Private Law,
Civil, Planning, Local Government,
Property, Direct Access

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Andrew has also helped develop a matrix to guide sustainable decision-making across the GLA and helped make significant revisions to the London Plan.

Property

Andrew also has extensive experience in property cases, most specifically those involving landlord and tenant and boundary disputes. Andrew regularly undertakes cases on behalf of claimants and defendants in the County Courts and First Tier Tribunals.

Direct Access

Andrew is able to accept direct access instructions.

Seminars

Andrew provides several seminars per year to Solicitor clients. You can find more information on the seminars that Andrew has provided, [here](#).

Achievements, appointments and memberships

- FLBA
- PEBA
- LLM in Environmental Law, UCL
- MSc in Politics and Administration, Birkbeck College