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Biography

Andrew gets government. He advises clients on the interaction between business, law and policy, with a particular focus on constitutional and administrative law, public sector governance and accountability, and judicial review. His experience spans multiple industry sectors, typically those that are highly regulated, and includes advising public bodies and the UK Government itself.

Andrew has been heavily involved in the firm's Constitutional Change taskforce. This has led to Andrew assisting many businesses around the world to navigate the legal and policy uncertainty brought about by Brexit and, more recently, COVID-19.

Andrew advises on a range of topics, including UK constitutional and administrative law, commercial judicial review, commercial human rights, public international law, political law compliance and freedom of information. In many cases, his work is done outside the courtroom, helping private sector clients to capitalise on opportunities and mitigate risks through their engagement with government decision-makers. He also helps public sector clients to make more robust policy decisions, at various stages throughout the policy development and implementation life cycle and often in strategically significant contexts. When necessary to achieve his clients' objectives, Andrew acts for claimants, defendants and interested parties in high-profile and complex judicial review and other statutory appeal proceedings.



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Languages

English

Practices

Administrative and Public Law

Government Relations and Public Affairs

Litigation Services

Energy Regulatory

Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology Regulatory

Industries

Aerospace and Defense

Energy and Natural Resources

Financial Institutions

Andrew is passionate about spreading understanding of the rule of law and how government in the UK really works. He has given numerous speeches on the legal and policy aspects of Brexit, to a range of audiences, as well as authoring a range of articles, reports, blogs and videos on this and other subjects. You can find his latest publications on HL Engage.

Representative experience

Acting for Uber in its successful appeals in 2018 and 2020 against Transport for London's decisions not to renew Uber's London PHV Operator Licence.

Acting for ITV in its successful defence against claims for judicial review by the Liberal Democrats and the Scottish National Party in relation to ITV's 2019 General Election broadcast coverage.

Advising a range of businesses on the legal and policy implications of the UK Government's response to COVID-19, including navigating the restrictions and capitalising on financial support schemes.

Advising clients in a variety of highly regulated sectors on the legal and policy implications of the UK's vote to leave the European Union.

Developing and advocating for legally and politically credible policy approaches to the impact of Brexit in a range of industry sectors.

On-going advice for NATS, the UK's air traffic controller, on a wide range of public law and regulatory issues in connection with its operations.

Advising the London Metal Exchange on public law and related aspects of its functions, including rule development, consultation, challenge risk, dispute resolution and Brexit risk.

On-going advice for the Crown Estate on public law and constitutional law issues arising as a result of its complex constitutional relationship with the UK state.

Advising a US energy company on the political and legal risks in relation to the Labour Party's 2019 energy sector re-nationalisation policy.

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Brexit

Judicial Review

UK Administrative Law

UK Parliamentary Affairs

Public International Law

Foreign Government Representation

Political Law Compliance

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University College London, 2011

Memberships

Constitutional and Administrative Law Bar Association

Young Public Lawyers' Group, Executive Committee member

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Advising a number of UK Government departments on complex public law issues, including the sale of student loans.

Advising a major global company on the constitutional relationship between the UK Government and British Overseas Territories in the context of international relations with NGOs.

Advising the Libyan Investment Authority, Libya's sovereign wealth fund, in relation to issues arising out of political instability in Libya.

Advising a broad range of clients on political compliance law, including the campaign expenditure rules during the 2016 EU Referendum and recent General Elections.

Advising a life science client in relation to the MHRA's decision to remove their designation as a notified body under the Medical Devices Regulation.

Advising a range of clients in the life science sector on pricing and reimbursement in the NHS and other issues in connection with the UK healthcare market.

Advising a prospective public transport provider on the prospects of judicial review of a UK Government public procurement.

Advising a major global management consultancy on risks relating to a public sector contract.

Advising a client in the aerospace sector on the application of the bilateral Mutual Legal Assistance treaty between the UK and the United States of America.

Acting for Ofgem to defend its RII0-ED1 pricing decision against the first ever statutory appeals under section 11C of the Electricity Act 1989.

Acting for oil drilling companies in a judicial review challenge and CJEU proceedings against primary legislation imposing an additional tax burden.

Assisting an energy sector client based near Manchester to respond to route consultations for HS2.

Awards and rankings

- Listed as a key lawyer (Tier 1) for Administrative & Public Law in Legal 500, *Legal 500*, 2021
- The only firm top ranked for both Administrative & Public Law and Parliamentary & Public Affairs, *Chambers UK*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

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 - The National Security and Investment Act 2021: a review of the regime's first year in operation
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 - JR Back in Vogue? Judicial Review under the NSI, SCB and OSB
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 - Stubbing out duty free: understanding, engaging with and challenging UK Government decisions
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 - Hogan Lovells comments on the UK Judicial Review and Courts Bill
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells publishes skeleton argument in Manchester Airports Group (MAG) legal challenge to UK government transparency of traffic light system
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 - EU law: what's retained?