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Andrew Wille

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Andrew Wille has a growing caseload of complex and catastrophic personal injury claims, typically arising out of road traffic accidents, employers' liability and occupiers' liability disputes.

Andrew has particular experience in relation to claims concerning brain injury and spinal injury. Other areas of expertise include amputation/prosthetics claims, complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), fatal accident dependency claims and claims brought under the Animals Act 1971.

Andrew is regularly instructed to appear in the High Court, County Courts and at inquests, as well as at joint settlement meetings and mediations. Andrew is also a registered pupil supervisor.



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Clinical Negligence

Andrew has many years experience of clinical negligence work. In Singapore he formed part of the legal team (instructed by the MPS) which successfully appealed what was then the largest award in Singaporean legal history arising out of failed brain surgery. In 2014 he represented an actuary who recovered over £600,000 (settlement) following negligently performed knee surgery.

Costs

Andrew is instructed by both claimants and defendants to attend costs and case management conferences in respect of budgets which have ranged from £100,000 up to in excess of £1 million.

Inquests

Andrew has many years experience of attending inquests up and down the country representing the interests of bereaved families, insurers and other interested parties in cases of industrial accidents and disease, road traffic accidents, police pursuit and deaths in hospital.

Insurance

Andrew is experienced in advising in relation to all issues concerning disputed and/or multiple insurance cover, RTA 1988 notice provisions, Article 75 and the applicability and operation of the MIB agreements. He also represents insurers in respect of property damage claims.

Personal Injury

Andrew has experience of the full spectrum of personal injury work with a particular emphasis on brain injury, spinal injury and amputation/prosthetics claims. He is frequently instructed to draft schedules and counter-schedules in multi-million pound claims with complex medical causation, capacity and quantum issues. Other areas of expertise include claims concerning the Animals Act 1971, travel law and chronic pain conditions. He is regularly instructed to attend joint settlement meetings and mediations. He is experienced in respect of claims brought under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 and is often instructed to attend inquests both for bereaved families and for insurers.

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RAS (A Protected Party) v Ageas Insurance Ltd (2015)

RAS, a young man, rendered blind and brain damaged in an RTA. Devastating combination of injuries in that claimant faced the challenge of learning to cope with blindness and brain damage at the same time. Multi-million pound claim. Acting for defendant insurer. Led by Alan Jeffreys QC. Settlement approved by HHJ Denyer QC in July 2015.

D (A Protected Party) v W (2015)

Acting for severely brain damaged claimant who, remarkably, had managed to retain his job in an abattoir. His job provided him with a modest income but also a routine and social contact. Careful consideration required of future care and support needs given uncertainty as to what would happen if his employment were terminated and on retirement. Led by John Leighton Williams QC. Settlement approved by HHJ Bidder QC in February 2015.

Ali (A Protected Party) v (1) Caton (2) Motor Insurers' Bureau (2014)

Respondent to appeal against first instance award. Brain injury with borderline capacity and allegation of malingering. Judgment of Stuart-Smith J upheld on all fronts. The C of A endorsed the judge's findings in relation to capacity which were based on family and carers' accounts notwithstanding the reservations of some of the medical experts: "The opinion formed in the consulting room does not dictate what happens on the street or in the home." (McCombe LJ). Led by John Leighton Williams QC.

Reynolds v AXA Insurance UK Plc (2014)

Acting for claimant, a young man with pre-existing ADHD, who suffered severe leg injury in RTA resulting in amputation. Led by Jonathan Watt Pringle QC. Settled subsequent to JSM for in excess of £1m.

(1) E (A Protected Party) (2) [X] County Council v Ageas Insurance Ltd (2014)

Acting with Alan Jeffreys QC for defendant insurer in brain injury claim arising out of RTA. Claim pleaded at over £3m. Attempt of local authority to intervene seeking declaration in respect of its continuing statutory obligation to provide claimant with domiciliary care after award of compensation against defendant insurer. Revisiting of issues raised in Crofton, Sowden and Peters.

Ali (A Protected Party) v (1) Caton (2) Motor Insurers' Bureau (2013)

Successfully representing a brain-damaged claimant who recovered the lump sum equivalent of £2.3 million (subject to 20% contributory negligence). A key issue was the significance of failed symptom validity testing (SVT) in neuropsychological assessments. Stuart-Smith J's 130 page judgment has been widely cited since on SVTs and on quantification of future care: J.P.I.Law 2013, 4, C215-C219, PNBA's Facts & Figures 2015/6 pp.288, 290, 292.

Re: Alan Beutner (Deceased) (2013)

Represented the family at the inquest into the death of Alan Beutner heard by the Plymouth Coroner in February and March 2013. Jury returned a narrative verdict which was critical both of the system of work and healthcare received by the deceased before his death. Reported in Plymouth Herald, 4th March 2013.

Horsfield v Premier Food Group Ltd

66 yr old passenger standing in bus when hit by lorry. Claimant was thrown forwards to the ground, sustaining C4/5 incomplete tetraplegic paralysis. Confined to wheelchair. Adapted accommodation needed. Hoist assisted transfers. Claim for £220k pa care package (2 carers). Capitalised claim pleaded at £2.9 million. Settled at JSM on PPO basis. Led by Jonathan Watt-Pringle QC.

Spicer v (1) Hughes (2) Delaloye (2011)

RTA in which claimant (C) was the passenger in a Golf which was driven off the motorway and down an embankment. Driver (D2) claimed to have been forced into evasive action by third party (D1). C was impaled by branch of tree suffering internal injuries to pancreas and duodenum plus PTSD. Trial before HHJ Hamilton at Reading County Court in December 2011. Judgment entered for C vs D2.

Albert Meyer (Widower and Administrator of Estate of Valerie Meyer (Deceased)) v (1) Wrexham County Borough Council (2) Redrow Homes (North West) Ltd (2011)

Accident in which claimant (C) and his wife were driving home from holiday along a dual carriageway at night when they drove into three horses in the road. C broke his neck and his wife was killed. The horses belonged to local gypsies who grazed their horses on adjacent fields belonging to D1 and D2. Grazing was

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without permission but C's case was that it was known about, that the land was not stock-proof and that steps should have been taken to avert an accident that was waiting to happen. Settled at tripartite mediation in June 2011.

If you would like to instruct Andrew Wille or would like help or advice in doing so, please call and talk to our excellent clerking team, led by senior clerk Alan Kilbey MBE. Our phone number is +44 (0)20 7583 9241. Alternatively, please email us at chambers@farrarsbuilding.co.uk

For more information about our clerking team, please [click here](#) for the clerks page.

Appointments & Memberships

- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Professional Negligence Bar Association
- London Common Law & Commercial Bar Association

Education & Qualifications

- Hardwicke Scholarship and Thomas More Bursary, Lincoln's Inn
- Pegasus Scholarship, Singapore
- Scholar of University College, Oxford
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (1997 – 1998)
- CPE, City University (1996 – 1997)
- BA, Modern History, University College, Oxford (1993 – 1996)

Directory Quotes

Andrew Wille is listed as a leading junior for personal injury law in both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500.

"He's very bright and a very good advocate." "He's very sharp and gets to grips with issues quickly."

Recent work: Instructed in *Read v Jack*, a case in which an elderly pedestrian suffered a severe brain injury after being run down by a motorist.

Chambers UK 2019

Accepts instructions from both claimants and defendants in his specialist area of life-changing brain and spinal injuries. He is also routinely involved in amputation cases and matters concerning serious accidents involving animals.

Strengths: *"He's really good with clients, an excellent communicator and really good at achieving the desired outcome."*

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Recent work: Acted for the claimant in *Spencer v Terry*. The claimant had been thrown off her horse after being chased by the defendant's dog.

Chambers UK 2017

Noted for his expert handling of catastrophic brain injury claims. He also has significant expertise on both Animals Act litigation and inquests after fatal accidents.

Strengths: *"He is bright, thoughtful and a natural advocate."* *"He is personable and is quick to get to grips with a really complex case."*

Recent work: Acted for the claimant in *Davies v Wright*, where an RTA left a man with significant neurotrauma and led to a claim for £2.4 million.

Chambers UK 2016

"He has an extraordinary eye for detail while not losing sight of the big picture."

Legal 500

'He has a calm head on his shoulders, an easy going manner and is thorough in his work'.

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Personal Interests

In his spare time Andrew promises to mow the lawn. He enjoys visiting vineyards, studying architecture and listening to Test Match Special.

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