

ANDREA BARNES

Barrister since 1999

Mediator since 2003

Specialist areas: clinical negligence, personal injury and legal costs

Professional

Andrea is a public access accredited Barrister (called 1999) with more 18 years' post qualification experience in personal injury, clinical negligence and costs litigation. She is an accredited mediator and has provided training internationally in conflict management and mediation to such organisations as the United Nations and UPeace.

Prior to Call Andrea initially gained 4 years' experience in fatal and catastrophic injuries whilst working at renowned Defendant insurer solicitors Davies Arnold Cooper solicitors (now part of DAC Beachcrofts). Andrea has also acted as consultant to a leading insurer on "ways to minimize financial leakage in personal injury and clinical negligence claims". In 2015 Andrea carried out an extensive analysis of the costs market post-Jackson reforms for a leading private equity initiative. Andrea is formerly Head of Costs at Clerksroom specializing in complex costs issues. Andrea is currently Joint Head of Chambers at 218 Strand Chambers in London and practices as a Barrister from 218 Strand in London and as a door tenant at Complete Counsel.

Andrea has an approximate 70:30 split of Claimant/Defendant personal injury and clinical negligence work and an approximate 40:60 split of Receiving Party/Paying Party legal costs work.

Clinical negligence. Andrea has particular expertise in:

- Allegations of failure to investigate, diagnose or treat
- Maternity, obstetrics and gynaecology with a particular specialism in neonate deaths
- General practice and ambulance trust cases
- Surgical issues
- Infection cases in particular neonate and infant infection cases
- Neurological issues such as sub-arachnoid haemorrhage and PCOS malformation
- Cardiovascular and cardio thoracic cases
- Dental issues

Personal injury. Andrea has particular expertise in:

- Industrial/occupation disease
- Road Traffic Collisions in particular motorcycle and cycle collisions
- Occupiers' liability
- Employer's liability
- Public liability
- Product liability
- Highways
- Military claims

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Costs. Andrea has particular expertise in:

- High value costs disputes
- Issue based costs arguments
- Joint and several liability costs arguments
- Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008
- Repudiatory and repudiated contracts
- Statutory interpretation
- ATE issues pre and post-Jackson
- Success fee issues pre-Jackson
- Capacity issues relevant to retainers
- Non-party costs orders
- Litigation funding disputes

“Andrea’s expertise in neonate deaths clearly shines through with her meticulous and thorough preparation and advocacy”

“Her humanity, maturity and experience dealing with family bereavements has enabled her to work with empathy in the most difficult of circumstances whilst offering high quality advocacy and advice”

“Andrea’s costs knowledge is second to none. She is a fearless and tenacious advocate”

Qualifications

CLT Public access accreditation update (2014)
College of Law public access accreditation (2003)
ADR Group Accredited Mediator (2003)
Called to the Bar (1999)
Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent) 1999
LLB (Hons) Law (2:1) (1996)

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