



Andrew McGee

Call 1999

Andrew McGee defends and prosecutes in all types of crime and regulatory work; he regularly leads and is led in complex multi-handed cases.

He is ranked and recommended by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 in the fields of Crime and Health & Safety.

Andrew has represented clients before the full range of criminal courts and other bodies – from the magistrates court to the Privy Council and the Supreme Court, from the Coroners Court, fitness to practice committees and health care hearings to the First Tier Tribunal and the High Court.

He recently appeared as a junior alone before the Supreme Court where he successfully argued that the offence of aggravated vehicle taking causing death was not one of strict liability (*R v Taylor*).

He has considerable experience of handling difficult disclosure issues (for both the Crown and the defence) as well as dealing with complex cases involving undercover police officers, covert investigatory techniques, informants etc. Has particular experience in cases involving technical evidence, as well as DNA.

Andrew has been instructed as Independent Counsel in matters of Legal Professional Privilege.

He regularly accepts [Direct Access](#) instructions.

Practice Areas

Appeals

Andrew has acted extensively in the superior courts for both appellants and respondents. He is regularly instructed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals to act for unrepresented applicants who have themselves secured, or are attempting to secure, leave to appeal against conviction and/or sentence.

Confiscation

Andrew has extensive experience in all aspects of restraint and confiscation; advises and acts regularly, and often at an early stage, on restraint orders; likewise, regularly advises public companies and large financial institutions on POCA and the money laundering regulations.

Criminal Defence

Andrew has defended in a wide range of cases, from very large-scale drugs matters through theft and armed robbery to serious offences against the person, ranging from murder, attempted murder, section 18, kidnap, poisoning, rape and other serious sexual offences.

Environmental

Andrew has extensive experience acting for public companies and others prosecuted under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act (and associated regulations), as well as criminal prosecutions brought under planning legislation (e.g. the Planning Act 1990 [Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas]).

He is a list A prosecutor on the regulatory list for the Environment Agency.

Fraud

Andrew is often instructed in heavyweight frauds; mortgage fraud, share fraud, large scale fraudulent trading etc.

Health & Safety

Andrew is very experienced in Health & Safety work, having both defended and prosecuted individuals and companies in manslaughter and general Health & Safety prosecutions.

He is a list A prosecutor on the regulatory list for the Health & Safety.

Regulatory

Andrew has considerable experience prosecuting and defending before regulatory bodies in the health field; the General Optical Council, the General Dental Council, as well as acting in PCT proceedings and before the First Tier Tribunal.

He also prosecutes for the CPS, as well as advising and acting for several public authorities in private and regulatory prosecutions.

Publications

- List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates in Health and Safety and Environmental Law (List A)

Memberships

- Association of Regulatory & Disciplinary Lawyers
- Criminal Bar Association
- South Eastern Circuit

Education

- BA Hons Cantab

Qualifications

- Direct Access Qualified

Directory Quotes

- “An excellent all-rounder – he’s brilliant with clients, always so prepared for conferences and an outstanding advocate.” “His meticulous preparation results in seemingly effortless performances in court. He is a flawless tactician and his drafting of opinions is superbly detailed.” “He is superb with clients and extremely responsive.” **Chambers and Partners 2022**
- “His experience of criminal practice is virtually unrivalled in this sector. A heavyweight litigator in every respect.” **Legal 500 2022**
- “A fearless advocate who is excellent in court and you feel happy instructing on the most serious of matters.” **Legal 500 2021**
- “Very knowledgeable and his drafting is incredible.” **Chambers & Partners 2021**
- “A highly effective advocate.” **Chambers & Partners 2021**
- “Takes a sensible and pragmatic approach and achieves good outcomes for clients.” **Chambers & Partners 2021**
- “Our go-to health and safety lawyer: in terms of his advocacy, drafting skills and his ability to work his way through difficult issues, he is second to none.” **Chambers & Partners 2020**
- “Has an in-depth grasp of the facts and is able to deploy the points with force and panache.” **Chambers & Partners 2019**
- A fearless advocate, who charms courts with his robust but affable style.” **Legal 500 2018**
- ‘A highly skilled advocate with an exceptional ability to navigate through the most difficult of issues.’ **Legal 500 2018**
- “A very good lawyer with a pragmatic approach to dealing with difficult problems whose analysis of the law is excellent.” **Chambers & Partners 2018**
- “He is a fantastic advocate, who has criminal experience in spades.” **Chambers & Partners 2017**
- “Recommended for cases involving fatalities, particularly corporate manslaughter.” **Legal 500 2016**
- “He thoroughly analyses the evidence in the most complex of cases.” **Legal 500 2016**

- “Andrew McGee displays superb judgement allied with a strong intellect. He is a very impressive and well-prepared advocate who is fearless and knows how to win a trial. His responsiveness and client skills are second to none.” **Chambers & Partners 2016**