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Andrew Gurr is in high demand as a junior across Chambers' core practice areas, and has particular interests in civil fraud and asset tracing, offshore and domestic trusts litigation, commercial disputes, company and partnership, matrimonial finance, and property law.

Andrew already has notable experience appearing in substantial High Court trials, and in applications for interim relief. He has also appeared in the Court of Appeal and been instructed to assist as English counsel in offshore matters (particularly in Bermuda and Guernsey).

Significant recent matters on which Andrew has been instructed include: *Isbilen v Turk*, *IMSS-Bienestar v Viva Enterprises Ltd*; *Walter Wang v Grand View Private Trust Company Ltd*; *De la Sala v De la Sala*; *FP Redhill v Patel*; *In Re Fifty Asset Management Ltd*; *ITG Ltd v Fort Trustees Ltd*; and *Lemos v Church Bay Trust Company Ltd*.

Andrew joined Chambers in October 2021 following the successful completion of pupillage, and spent his first six months in practice on secondment to Peters & Peters Solicitors. Before joining Serle Court, Andrew studied law at Cambridge, earning several university prizes and the top mark on the Cambridge LLM. He carried out undergraduate and postgraduate research on the enforcement of civil and family judgments and orders, and on the interaction between trusts and divorce. During his BPTC year Andrew taught Land Law at Wolfson College, Cambridge. He is also a contributor to the sixth edition of Whittaker and Machell on the Law of Limited Liability Partnerships (OUP, 2026).

Expertise

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Recent Cases

- *Re Fifty Asset Management Ltd* [2025] EWHC 1286 (Ch). Successful defence of claims for breach of fiduciary duty, breach of directors' duties, and unlawful means conspiracy arising out of the breakdown of a renewable energy investment business, following a 2.5 week trial in March/April 2025 (led by **Justin Higgs KC**). The Defendants successfully established that one of the Claimants had deliberately misappropriated funds from the business, and defended allegations that the business was structured as a partnership and that they had unlawfully exploited their relationship with the parties' main investor and diverted business opportunities from a company of which they were directors.
- Advised (with **Justin Higgs KC**) on a shareholder dispute involving a substantial UK business in a difficult family context.
- Advised on a confidential matter relating to earn-out clauses in a share purchase agreement.
- Instructed (as sole counsel) on a confidential matter involving claims for the calculation of sums owing under an SPA.
- *Re Deal Partners Limited* – Assisted **Dan McCourt Fritz KC** in preparing a winding-up petition on the just and equitable ground, including allegations of breaches of directors' duties.
- *Loveridge v Loveridge* [2021] EWCA Civ 1697 – Assisted **Lance Ashworth KC** and **Dan McCourt Fritz KC** in relation to a successful appeal against a refusal to strike out an unfair prejudice petition.
- *BIG Ltd v Smith* [2021] EWCA Civ 912 – Assisted **Dan McCourt Fritz KC** in relation to a successful appeal concerning the operation of the rule in *Sevilleja v Marex* and its interaction with the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

Trusts & Probate

Recent Cases

- *Wang v Grand View Private Trust Company Ltd & Ors*: Substantial application for trustee removal, directions and accounting relating to extremely valuable Bermuda purpose trusts, brought by a family member claiming standing as a person with sufficient interest in the enforcement of the trusts under s.12B(1)(d) of the Trusts (Special Provisions) Act 1989, 3-week trial (led by **Giles Richardson KC** and **Oliver Jones**) heard in Bermuda in March 2026.
- *De La Sala v De La Sala*: 2-day appeal (led by **Dakis Hagen KC**) against the dismissal of c.\$34 million claims for rescission and restitution brought by an intervenor in Financial Remedies proceedings in the Family Court in London: [2026] EWCA Civ 282. Appeared in the underlying financial remedies proceedings. Leading case concerning equitable rescission on the basis of mistake following *Pitt v Holt*, and the setting aside of family financial orders for breaches of full and frank disclosure.
- *ITG Ltd v Fort Trustees Ltd: Acted* (led by **Thomas Fletcher**) in relation to proceedings for the determination of Trustee indemnity claims against insolvent trusts, and related costs assessments. As a pupil, Andrew also assisted James Brightwell (now Master Brightwell) in the landmark Privy Council appeal: [2022] UKPC 36, [2023] AC 877. Assisted **John Machell KC** and **Dan McCourt Fritz KC** in relation to an appeal in the Court of Appeal for Bermuda against a decision to replace the corporate trustee of a very large Bermuda trust.
- *Patra v Patra (Chancery Division, Property, Trusts and Probate List)*. Acted (with **Justin Higgs KC**) in relation to the defence of claims brought by a beneficiary seeking control of a successful family business held in trust. Re Interim Executives Group Pension Schemes: Acted for the Public Trustee of Guernsey in relation to proceedings in England and Guernsey arising out of the improper administration of Guernsey registered pension schemes.
- *Yuntian 10 Leasing Co DAC v Dream Aircraft Ltd & Ors*: acted (with **Justin Higgs KC**) on behalf of an overseas trust company resisting claims by a creditor of the settlor to a final charging order over a property held on trust.

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- Advised on a confidential matter relating to claims against executors for the mismanagement of an estate. As a pupil, Andrew assisted James Brightwell in relation to a number of confidential trust and tax matters.

Commercial Litigation

Recent Cases

- *IMSS-Bienestar v Viva Enterprises Ltd; Dangoor* [2026] EWHC 1380 (Ch): Acted for Claimant in successful claim to recover \$42 million paid as a pre-payment for supplies of medical ventilators during the COVID-19 pandemic. Three-week trial heard in January/February 2026 (led by **Zoe O'Sullivan KC**).
- *Qatar Investment and Project Development Holding Co v Sheikh Hamad bin Saoud Al-Thani* (Commercial Court). Instructed (led by **Justin Higgo**) to advise in relation to breach of warranty of authority claims relating to an option agreement for the purchase of a famous diamond.
- *Buttonwood Legal Capital Ltd v Huttunen*: Defence of \$21mn claim under a settlement agreement relating to funding agreements for a c.\$100mn investor-state arbitration, based on breaches of FSMA 2000, allegations of bad faith, and the unfair relationship provisions (s.140A–C of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 relating to the underlying credit agreement. The Claimant company was an entity within the Centaur Litigation Ponzi scheme. Compromised shortly before trial in early 2025.
- *Crane Legal Ltd & Anor v Huttunen*: Acted (led out of chambers) on behalf of the administrator of the Estate of Mr Mohamed Bahgat in defending claims brought by a former solicitor, on the basis that their CFA was invalid under s.58 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990.
- *MM Locums Ltd v Malling Health*: Instructed (as sole counsel) on behalf of the claimant in proceedings for the recovery of underpaid VAT arising out of medical supply contracts
- *Green GRP Limited v Northside Truck and Van Limited*: Assisted **Matthew Morrison** in acting for the successful Defendants in the trial of a claim for breach of contract relating to the supply of trucks to a major haulage company in the Chancery Division Business List (Leeds District Registry). Appeared unled in the Court of Appeal resisting the Claimant's application for permission to appeal.
- Andrew regularly advises on and acts in matters relating to the enforcement of Judgments both in the County Court and the High Court.

Civil Fraud

Recent Cases

- *Isbilen v Turk & Ors*: A complex c.£40 million fraud claim brought by a HNW individual against her former financial adviser. Significant phases of the proceedings in which Andrew has been involved or appeared since 2021 include applications for a WFO and passport order, Norwich Pharmacal/Bankers Trust disclosure, 1782 disclosure in the United States, search and imaging orders, the trial of a successful committal application, and a two-day appeal in the Court of Appeal. Andrew has been the principal junior involved in the day-to-day running of the case since mid-2022. The committal judgments ([2024] EWHC 505 (Ch); [2024] EWHC 565 (Ch); [2024] EWCA Civ 568) are leading decisions on the substantive and procedural law of contempt of court in the context of breaches of asset disclosure orders. The claim, which has been widely reported in the media, is listed for an 11-week trial from November 2026.
- *Isbilen v Hanson Asset Management Ltd*: €15 million claim against a UK-based asset management firm for dishonest

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assistance/breach of mandate. Also listed for an 11-week trial from November 2026.

- *FP Redhill Ltd & Ors v Patel & Ors* [2026] EWHC 77 (Ch): Acted for Claimants bringing successful claims against multiple defendants arising out of a complex property development Ponzi scheme. 5-week trial June/July 2025 (led by Stephanie Thompson).
- *Lemos v Church Bay Trust Company Ltd*: Successful defence of s.423 claim brought by a trustee in bankruptcy to unwind a declaration of trust relating to a valuable property in Hampstead, following a 2-week trial in June/July 2023 (led by **Thomas Elias**). The claim raised complex factual and legal questions about the historic beneficial ownership of shares in a Liberian bearer share company, and is a leading decision on the procedural requirements for alleging forgery: [2023] EWHC 2384 (Ch).
- Confidential matter relating to alleged art-related fraud.
- *Harrington & Charles Trading Company Ltd v Mehta & Ors* [2022] EWHC 2960 (Ch). Assisted **Justin Higgs KC** in relation to applications to set aside freezing relief granted in support of claims arising out of an alleged bullion fraud.
- *Taylor v Khodabakhsh* [2021] EWHC 655 (Ch): Assisted **Lance Ashworth KC** and **Dan McCourt Fritz** in acting for the successful respondents to an application for freezing and proprietary injunctions in support of a claim to set a judgment aside on the basis of fraud.
- *Seedo v El-Gamal and Others*: Assisted **Matthew Morrison** in acting for the successful claimant in an accounts and inquiries process following the trial of claims in breach of trust, breach of fiduciary duty, deceit and dishonest assistance arising out of a property fraud.

Charities

Recent Cases

- *Re Keeping Kids Co* [2021] EWHC 175 (Ch) – Assisted **Gareth Tilley** in acting for the Official Receiver in the 10-week trial of directors' disqualification proceedings brought against former directors of an insolvent charity.

Insolvency & Restructuring

Recent Cases

- *Lemos v Church Bay Trust Co*: Successful defence of s.423 claim brought by a trustee in bankruptcy to unwind a declaration of trust relating to a valuable property in Hampstead, following a 2-week trial in June/July 2023 (led by **Thomas Elias**). The claim raised complex factual and legal questions about the historic beneficial ownership of shares in a Liberian bearer share company, and is a leading decision on the procedural requirements for alleging forgery: [2023] EWHC 2384 (Ch).
- *Yuntian 10 Leasing Co DAC v Dream Aircraft Ltd & Ors (Commercial Court)*. Acted (with **Justin Higgs KC**) in defence of a s.423 claim to recover a valuable property held within a Guernsey trust structure.
- *Re Deal Partners Limited*: Assisted Dan McCourt Fritz KC in preparing a winding-up petition on the just and equitable ground, including allegations of breaches of directors' duties
- *Re Keeping Kids Co* EWHC 175 (Ch) – Assisted **Gareth Tilley** in acting for the Official Receiver in the 10-week trial of directors' disqualification proceedings brought against former directors of an insolvent charity.

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- *ITG Limited v Fort Trustees Ltd* – Assisted James Brightwell (now Master Brightwell) in relation to a landmark Privy Council appeal on trustee indemnities and the priority of claims in the distribution of 'insolvent' trust funds.

Property

Recent Cases

- *Canal & River Trust v Owen*: Acted (unled) in possession claim brought by the Canal & River Trust against occupiers claiming to have acquired land adjoining the Dudley canal by adverse possession.
- Acted in relation to a confidential matter concerning rights of way affecting land held by the executors of a rural estate.
- *Newcombe v Bayliss & Anor*: Acted (with **John Machell KC**) in proceedings brought against trustees in bankruptcy for declarations as to the beneficial interest in a family home arising under an unusual express declaration of trust.
- *Public Trustee of the Bailiwick of Guernsey v Red River Properties Ltd & Anor*: Acted (with James Brightwell, now Master Brightwell) for the Public Trustee of Guernsey in a successful application for a vesting order in relation to English land held subject to the trusts of a Guernsey registered pension scheme, in circumstances where the former trustees of the scheme had refused to comply with orders that the property be transferred made in Guernsey proceedings.
- Assisted **Christopher Stoner KC** in advising on potential claims for maritime trespass.
- Before entering practice, Andrew taught Land Law at Wolfson College, University of Cambridge.

Banking & Financial Services

Recent Cases

- *Isbilen v Hanson Asset Management Ltd*: €15 million Quincecare-type claim against a UK-based asset management firm for dishonest assistance/breach of mandate. Listed for an 11-week trial from November 2026.
- *Buttonwood Legal Capital Ltd v Huttunen* – Acts (as junior counsel) for the administrator of the estate of Mr Mohammed Bahgat in defending claims arising out of funding arrangements entered into for the purposes of BIT arbitration proceedings. The claims raise complex issues relating to the consumer credit regulations and FSMA 2000.
- Assisted **Dan McCourt Fritz KC** in advising a major UK bank on a restitution claim based on mistaken payments connected with an identity fraud.

Matrimonial Finance: Trusts & Company law

Recent Cases

- *De La Sala v De La Sala*: 2-day appeal (led by **Dakis Hagen KC**) against the dismissal of c.\$34 million claims for rescission and restitution brought by an intervenor in Financial Remedies proceedings in the Family Court in London: [2026] EWCA Civ 282. Appeared in the underlying financial remedies proceedings. Leading case concerning equitable rescission on the basis of mistake following *Pitt v Holt*, and the setting aside of family financial orders for breaches of full and frank disclosure.

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While at University, Andrew conducted postgraduate research on the responses of family courts to complex trusts in England and New Zealand (supervised by Joanna Miles) and wrote a prize-winning undergraduate dissertation on the enforcement of civil judgments and family financial orders.

Testimonials

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Publications

- Contributor, *Whittaker and Machell on the Law of Limited Liability Partnerships 6th Edn* (OUP, 2026).
- Practice Note: Costs in trusts litigation, *Practical Law* (Thomson Reuters, August 2021) with **Matthew Morrison** and **Ruth Jordan**.

Education, Qualifications and Awards

- Chancellor's Medal for English Law, Cambridge
- BRD Clarke Prize for Best Overall Performance in the LLM, Cambridge
- Goff and Jones Prize for the Law of Restitution, Cambridge
- CMS Prize for Advanced Private Law, Cambridge
- 5 Stone Buildings Prize for Succession Law, Cambridge
- Lady Clare Precious Pearl Prize, Clare College, for best performance in an Arts dissertation
- Queen Mother Scholarship, Middle Temple
- Advocate of the Year Scholarship, BPP University
- Wright Rodgers Scholarship, Cambridge, for the study of English Law
- James William Squire and Rebecca Flower Squire Scholarships, Cambridge
- Foundational Scholarship, Clare College
- BPTC (Outstanding), BPP Leeds
- LLM in Commercial Law (First with Distinction, 1st in year), Clare College, University of Cambridge
- BA (Hons), Law Tripos (Double First, 2nd in year), Clare College, University of Cambridge

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Additional Information

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