

## Andrew Pike

Andrew specialises in Public Family Law.

Andrew acts on behalf of local authorities, family members, and children in complex care proceedings. He has experience of cases involving allegations of serious physical and sexual abuse, fabricated and induced illness, and applications under the Inherent Jurisdiction.

Andrew also practises in the area of Coronial Law and Inquests, particularly those concerning the involvement of Children's Services.



### Most Notable Cases

**2023**

Led by John Vater KC, representing a father accused of inflicting closed head injuries to his baby by shaking them.

**2023**

Led by Victoria Butler-Cole KC, representing a father seeking discharge of a care order in favour of wardship or injunctive relief under the Inherent Jurisdiction where there is a dispute in respect of a looked after child's medical treatment.

**2023**

[Middlesbrough Borough Council v M & Ors \[2023\] EWFC 138](#)  
Led by Tim Donnelly, appearing against King's Counsel, represented the father in care proceedings regarding alleged fabricated illness.

**2023**

Led by Tim Donnelly, appearing against King's Counsel, represented the subject children in a 5-week fact-finding hearing regarding alleged fabricated illness.

### YEAR OF CALL

2013

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

FAMILY

Public & Private Law –  
Children

REGULATORY

Inquests and Public  
Enquiries



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### 2022

Appearing against King's Counsel, represented the subject children in care proceedings concerning allegations of historical sexual abuse against their adoptive father.

### 2022

Led by Barbara Connolly KC, represented a child alleged to have sexually abused his younger sibling.

### 2022

Led by Penny Howe KC, represented a child in proceedings involving allegations of sexual abuse, including sexual activity between the subject children, and abnormal illness behaviour.

### 2021 Thomas Brookes

Inquest touching the death of Thomas Brookes, a 16-year-old child who died whilst placed at home under a Care Order. The Coroner's conclusion was one of death by misadventure. Instructed on behalf of Together for Children Sunderland.

### 2019 Cpl Joshua Hoole

Inquest touching the death of Cpl Joshua Hoole, who died during an Army fitness test in the Brecon Beacons in July 2016. The Coroner raised concerns that the Army had failed to learn lessons following the 2015 Inquests.

### 2015 Cpl James Dunsby, LCpl Craig Roberts and LCpl Edward Maher

Inquests touching the deaths of Cpl James Dunsby, LCpl Craig Roberts, and LCpl Edward Maher. The deceased were Army reservists who suffered fatal heat injuries during a SAS selection exercise in the Brecon Beacons in July 2013.

### Recommendations and client feedback

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### Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

North Eastern Circuit

Family Law Bar Association

### Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, Nottingham Law School

Graduate Diploma in Law, Nottingham Law School

MA (hons), Philosophy, University of St Andrews

### Scholarships and Awards

Middle Temple Campbell Foster Prize (top 5% on the BPTC)

Middle Temple Harmsworth Scholarship

Nottingham Law School BPTC Scholarship

Warwick School Academic Scholarship