

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 Re I

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

2023 Re S

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.

2022 Re H

Represented the subject children in care proceedings concerning allegations of historical sexually abuse against their adoptive father. Appeared against leading counsel.

2022 Re C

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

YEAR OF CALL

2013

AREAS OF PRACTICE

FAMILY

Public & Private Law –
Children

REGULATORY

Inquests and Public
Enquiries



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2022 Re N

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.

2022 Re S

Represented a father alleged to have sexually abused his daughter, following a dramatic deterioration in her mental health which was postulated to be the result of PTSD and/or early onset psychosis. Threshold was ultimately conceded on the basis that the child was beyond parental control, with no adverse findings being made against her parents, and no orders being made in respect of the other subject children.

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.

Memberships

The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

North Eastern Circuit

Family Law Bar Association

Qualifications

Bar Professional Training Course, Nottingham Law School

Andrew Pike

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