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Partnership Profile

Andrew undertakes both contentious and non-contentious partnership work. In the last few years he has advised as a number of professional partnerships on incorporation as either companies or LLPs and drafted the necessary documentation. Andrew represents continuing and departing partners in disputes about partnership accounts, partnership property and restrictive covenants. He regularly advises in connection with the expulsion of partners and dissolution of partnerships and has substantial experience of disputes relating to dissolution accounts and the valuation of departing partners' shares of the partnership business. Andrew's previous experience as a corporate solicitor at Freshfields in London informs his understanding of complex transactions and financial information, and his expertise in non-contentious advisory and drafting work. Andrew's recent publications include: - Misrepresentation and bond issues: liability on the secondary market B.J.I.B. & F.L. 2011, 26(1), 17-19; and - Jones v Firkin-Flood: trustees - how to sell a business and distribute the proceeds P.C.B. 2010, 3, 181-188. - Andrew's book: Shareholder Actions was published by Bloomsbury Professional in February 2013.

What-the-Directories-Say

- "His knowledge of company law is exceptional. He is very good in court.", "He is able to cut through all of the noise in order to get down to the key issues in a dispute. He will always provide sensible advice upon which you can rely.", "One of the cleverest men at the Bar, but he is also one of the nicest and most down-to-earth people you'll ever meet. He is dedicated and very consistent.", "He is a very good operator and good on paper. He has a lot of experience and is operating on a high level.", "He's very supportive, turns work around very quickly and shows tremendous commitment. He's always available and provides very pragmatic advice." and "He's a real team player and is very commercial." - Chambers UK 2019
- "Very bright and comfortable opposite silks." - Legal 500
- "If you involve him in a case, it's like strapping on some battery-charged extra brain. He's very calm, unflappable really, and he's got a vast knowledge of company law." "Formidable knowledge in shareholder matters and company law. He's very diligent and reliable. He works to deadlines and honours them. He's also a realistic and straightforward advocate."
- "A real team player and very commercial." "He is simply superb. He is a very assured advocate,

practical, empathetic, great with clients, pragmatic and commercial."

- "He's excellent with clients, friendly, affable and reasonable from the outset." "Extremely authoritative, collaborative and more than capable of taking on and beating silks." - Chambers UK 2018
- "A highly rated commercial chancery specialist who is able to draw upon his previous experience as a corporate solicitor at a magic circle law firm. A noted junior whose instructions cover general commercial disputes as well as professional negligence and company and trusts disputes. He is widely praised for his user-friendly approach, which many sources attribute to his prior career as a solicitor at a magic circle law firm." - Chambers UK 2016
- Expertise: "His advice is very practical and very pragmatic, and he is always accessible, which is essential on fast-moving work." "He is good at working in a team, and is a very astute and knowledgeable counsel." "He really is a heavyweight; he can cut through the murky facts and provide clearly thought-out solutions." - Chambers UK 2015
- Chambers & Partners 2014 states that Andrew, "continues to be noted as a highly experienced senior junior, and often handles cases unled in the chancery division and in the appellate courts."
- Previous editions described Andrew as "very clever" and stated "Market observers rave about Andrew Charman's knack for relating to clients. Formerly a solicitor in the City, Charman's sophisticated grasp of complex corporate issues - in particular, his "superb" handling of cases involving hefty transactional work - wins him a level of praise extending well beyond the Midlands Circuit" and stated: "Andrew Charman, who as a former solicitor is prized for his ability to see matters from different angles. An "approachable and strong advocate," he is something of an all-rounder, although he has a bias towards insolvency, professional negligence and general commercial matters" and "Andrew Charman is applauded as "an authoritative presence in court" who "always inspires confidence." Sources say he combines great client relationships with the valuable insight he gained from being a former transactional solicitor.
- Andrew is also recommended by Legal 500 for Chancery, Commercial, Insolvency and Banking work.

Recent-Experience

- Advising and drafting of documentation for incorporation of solicitors' partnership as an LLP
- Advising and drafting of documentation for incorporation of solicitors' partnership as a company
- Advising and representing at arbitration continuing partners in a solicitors' partnership in relation to dispute as to dissolution accounts and valuation of shares of departing partners
- Advising continuing partners in an accountancy partnership as the expulsion of a partner
- Advising continuing partners in a solicitors' partnership on breaches of restrictive covenants by and entitlement to return of capital to departing partner
- Advising widow of former partner on winding up of insolvent coach partnership
- Advising firm of solicitors in dissolution of 3 office partnership and partners each retaining a former partnership office and share of the business

- Representing parties in a dispute as to the existence of a restaurant partnership

Specialist-Areas

Andrew Charman is a member of the following specialist practice groups where detailed CV's can be viewed by clicking on the links below:

- General Commercial
- Banking & Financial
- Company
- Insolvency
- International & Overseas
- Partnership
- Professional Liability
- Property
- Wills, Trusts & Probate

Qualifications-and-Appointments

- M.A. (Cantab)
- Formerly a Solicitor in the Corporate Department at Freshfields in London
- ADR Group Accredited Mediator
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Professional-Associations

- Member of the Chancery Bar Association
- Member and formerly Secretary of the Midland Chancery Bar Association
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators