

# Andrew Charman

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## Real Estate Profile

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Andrew regularly advises and represents national house builders and regional property developers in connection with claims relating to contracts for the sale and disposal of sites and developments. He also advises such parties in relation to the development of land subject to restrictive covenants and as to the existence, extent and effect of easements. Andrew also advises on the exercise of options and other notices and advises lenders in connection with substantial property transactions.

Andrew also advises and represents parties (mostly, but not exclusively, claimants) in property related professional negligence claims against solicitors, surveyors, architects and civil engineers.

His expertise has been recognised by the main directories for many years, where he is recommended as a leading practitioner in chancery, commercial litigation, company law and professional liability.

Andrew co-authors a leading practitioner book on claims by shareholders covering unfair prejudice, derivative actions, directors' duties and other personal claims which may be brought by shareholders: *Shareholder Actions*, published by Bloomsbury Professional. The first edition was published in January 2013 and the second edition in December 2017.

Andrew also writes academic and practitioner works for publication in the areas of his practice including for example in the field of financial law, contract and company law. *Misrepresentation and bond issues: liability on the secondary market* in the *Butterworths Journal of International Banking & Financial Law* (2011, 26(1), 17-19); and in the field of trusts and estates *Jones v Firkin-Flood: trustees - how to sell a business and distribute the proceeds* in *Private Client Business* (2010, 3, 181-188).

## What-the-Directories-Say

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- "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

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- Representing a substantial property investor in a claim in arbitration relating to the failure to construct a multi-million pound medical centre
- Advising a national house builder in connection with the validity of a notice purporting to exercise an option over development land
- Advising a national house builder on the proper construction of a contract for the sale and purchase of a

substantial development site

- Advising and representing a national house builder in a professional negligence claim against a well-known firm of solicitors in connection with the acquisition of a development site
- Advising a national housebuilder in relation to liability to property purchasers for asbestos contamination caused by demolition works and in relation to a claim against the demolition sub-contractor
- Advising and representing at trial a national housebuilder in a claim to enforce rights ancillary to an easement to enable the builder to go onto land and construct services required as a condition of planning permission
- Representing a national housebuilder defending a claim by a land agent
- Advising and representing a national housebuilder in a multi-million pound dispute with a ground works contractor

## Reported-Cases

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## Specialist-Areas

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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

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- 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
- Member of the Chancery Bar Association
- Member of the Midlands Chancery & Commercial Bar Association