

Andrew Jones KC

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"Andrew is a fantastic advocate. He is very approachable and has an excellent manner with clients."

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Andrew Jones KC is a highly respected criminal Silk, known for his meticulous case preparation, sharp analysis, and outstanding courtroom advocacy.

Ranked in both Chambers & Partners and Legal 500, he has experience in the most serious and complex criminal cases, both for the prosecution and defence, and is regularly instructed in multi-handed trials involving allegations of murder, organised crime, fraud, and serious sexual offences.

Andrew's reputation is built on his precise cross-examination skills, his ability to absorb detail at pace, and his calm authority in court. His early practice saw him appear at every level of the justice system, including the House of Lords, where he represented the appellant in the case of *R v Drew*, a leading authority on Hospital Orders alongside mandatory life sentences.

Since taking Silk, Andrew has continued to lead in high-profile matters. He secured an acquittal in a five-defendant murder trial and successfully prosecuted a fatal one-punch case. He is currently instructed in a gross negligence manslaughter matter arising from the neglect of a child.

Andrew is instructed regularly by the CPS Complex Casework Unit and is trusted in cases involving international elements and significant public interest. His ability to cut through complexity and maintain a calm, focused presence makes him one of the most dependable advocates at the criminal Bar.

He is known for his clarity, strategic thinking and rigorous attention to detail, qualities that have consistently earned the trust of instructing solicitors and juries alike.

Expertise

Crime

Andrew specialises in serious and complex criminal cases, including murder, fraud, conspiracy, and rape. His practice spans both prosecution and defence, often in multi-handed trials. He is known for his skillful cross-examination, calm authority, and clear strategic thinking, and is instructed regularly in high-profile, highly-sensitive matters.

Regulatory

Andrew brings his criminal law expertise to regulatory work involving gross negligence manslaughter, professional misconduct, and cases of serious neglect. He is trusted by prosecuting authorities and defence teams alike to handle cases requiring forensic analysis, and sound, measured judgment.

Awards

- GTI Law Journal Prize Winner, Bristol University

Education

- Inns of Court School of Law
- LLB (Hons), Bristol University

Notable and reported cases

Drugs & Organised Crime

- Operation Vermont – Lead counsel in the prosecution of the largest drugs case brought before Cardiff Crown Court. 32 defendants charged in six conspiracies involving over 700kg of high-purity cocaine.
- Operation Ulysses – Lead counsel in the prosecution of multi-million-pound Class A drug conspiracies involving over 60kg of heroin, cocaine, MDMA, ketamine, and cannabis. 30+ defendants and more than 60,000 pages of evidence across several organised crime groups.
- Operation Finch – Lead counsel for the prosecution of 17 defendants in £2 million cocaine conspiracy across Newport. The case involved a two-year operation and substantial covert surveillance.
- Operation Jackdaw – Prosecuted eight defendants in Class A drug conspiracy involving distribution of heroin across Newport. The case included multi-kilogram seizures and extensive cutting agents.
- Operation Solano – Lead counsel for the prosecution involving large-scale cocaine distribution and cryptocurrency-based money laundering. There was over £2 million in laundered funds.
- Operation Vemtor – Leading in the prosecution of conspiracy to supply over 180kg of cocaine into South Wales. Instructed by the Complex Casework Unit.
- Operation Blue Zero – Leading in the prosecution of a Merseyside to North Wales conspiracy to supply wholesale quantities of cocaine, cannabis, and ketamine.
- Operation Phobos – Leading junior in the successful prosecution of £18.5 million cocaine conspiracy across West Wales, Merseyside,

and Manchester. Included extensive surveillance, ANPR and cell site evidence. Total sentences amounted to 171 years.

- Operation Bounty – Leading junior in the prosecution of a million-pound cocaine conspiracy involving a former Cardiff nightclub owner.
- Operation Dino 1 & 2 – Prosecuted in the largest “cash for crash” conspiracy in England and Wales. 83 of 87 defendants convicted. Currently instructed in Dino 2 with 80 defendants.
- Operation Cable – Defence counsel in multi-handed counterfeit currency conspiracy. Defendant acquitted.
- Operation Corolla / Operation Gearstick / Operation Othello – Junior in multiple high-volume drug supply conspiracies.

Homicide, Firearms & Serious Violence

- R v Mears – Successful prosecution of defendant who broke into elderly ladies house and stamped her to death, jury rejected psychiatric evidence and did not accept the partial defence of diminished responsibility.
- R v Cooper & Francis – Successfully prosecuted a single-punch murder case resulting in conviction.
- R v Ramsey & Others – Sheffield Crown Court – Defence counsel in complex murder trial. Following legal submissions, no case to answer found and client acquitted of all charges including attempted murder and firearms offences.
- Operation Blomfield – Prosecuted complex firearms case involving prohibited ammunition and discharge of weapons.

Appeals

- R v Anthony James Drew [2003] 1 WLR 1213 (HL) – House of Lords case concerning mandatory life sentence provisions. Involved declaration of incompatibility under Human Rights Act 1998. The Home Secretary intervened due to the significance of the case.

Fraud & Financial Crime

- Operation Dowel – Worcester Crown Court – Junior counsel in £50m MTIC carousel fraud over 12 weeks.
- Environment Agency v M & Others – Prosecuted directors for laundering £350,000 in company funds. The defense successfully challenged the agency’s jurisdiction over the charges.

Regulatory & Other Work

- Bridgend County Council & Others v WT (E. Coli outbreak) – Represented defendants in enforcement and criminal proceedings following UK’s second largest E. Coli 0157 outbreak. Enforcement action was deemed procedurally flawed by Mr Justice Curtis.
- R v FW – A case involving initial allegation of stranger rape and abduction, followed by historic allegations.
- Operation Rhino – Leading junior in a prosecution involving police misconduct and data protection issues.

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