



## Andrew Granville Stafford – Barrister

Called 1987

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### Practice areas

- Contract
- Commercial
- Tort: negligence, breach of duty
- Property
- Landlord and Tenant
- Disciplinary and regulatory tribunals
- Insurance
- Statutory interpretation
- Building and boundary disputes
- Personal injury and clinical negligence
- Inquests
- Professional misconduct

### Qualifications

MA (Cantab)

Call: 1987, Gray's Inn

### Appointments

Chairman, Public Access Bar Association

Legal Assessor, Nursing and Midwifery Council

Bar Council's Access to the Bar Committee

BSB approved public access trainer

Pupil supervisor

### Profile

I specialise in civil litigation and have over 25 years' experience advising and representing clients in Courts and Tribunals in England and Wales.

I was amongst the first wave of barristers to qualify to undertake public access work. Since 2006 I have successfully represented direct access clients in the Court of Appeal, High Court and county courts as well as disciplinary and statutory tribunals.

I am a founder member of the Public Access Bar Association, which represents barristers who offer their services directly to the public. In 2013 I was elected Chairman of the Association, having previously served as Treasurer from 2008.

I have lectured and given seminars on a variety of legal topics and provided in-house training for several large solicitors firms (Irwin Mitchell, Morgan Cole, Kidd Rapinet) and external training providers (HJT Training, Lexis Nexis, Central Law Training Ltd). I have written articles for PI Brief Update Law Journal and Lexology and am a contributor to the Bar Council's quarterly public access newsletter.

In January 2011 Chris Bryden and I were approved by the Bar Standards Board to provide public access training and qualification to do public access work. Since then we have trained over 750 barristers from Chambers all over the country. We are one of only three BSB accredited training providers. In 2013 I was asked by the Bar Standards Board to assist in redrafting its Guidance on the Public Access Scheme, which all barristers must follow when accepting instructions directly from members of the public.

I sit as a Legal Assessor in fitness to practise hearings for the Nursing and Midwifery Council. From January 2015 I will be a Legal Adviser to the disciplinary and regulatory committees of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

I am currently a member of the Bar Council's Training for the Bar Committee which reviews the qualification and training requirements for entrants to the profession. Previously I have been a member of the Bar Council's Access to the Bar Committee, which promotes public and licensed access work at the England and Wales Bar.

I read law at Cambridge and graduated from Bar School in the top 10% of my year. As a student I won the Gray's Inn Debating Trophy and represented the Inn on a Mooting Tour of North American universities. I became a tenant at Lamb Building Chambers following pupillage. In 1990 I moved to 4 King's Bench Walk and have practised from these Chambers since then.

I am one of a small group of barristers authorised by the Bar Council to conduct litigation.

## Testimonials

*"It is a joy to instruct counsel of the calibre of Mr Granville Stafford. In particular his aptitude in handling the difficult issues in the case was exemplary"* MC, Solicitor

*"THATS FANTASTIC ANDREW, absolute GENIUS work on your behalf.....and not without belief in your skills on my part! Enjoy the rest of your break in the sure knowledge that you have dissipated one big cloud on the horizon!!"* JS, Company Director

*"A note of sincere thanks for all your hard work last April ... The plans which we had for the last four/five years have now come to fruition . . ." P & GH, Retired*

*"I found his knowledge and expertise in property law and litigation along with his consummate negotiation skills to be a hugely effective combination. Andrew is a likeable and genial individual who communicated with me in a very thoughtful, kind and clear way throughout. This personal touch was hugely reassuring during a very stressful period in my life." JK, Leaseholder*

*"Thank you for the Opinion which I thought was very well written and addressed all my concerns." MH, property matter*

*"I guess your performance did the trick!!! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. From one very happy man." DW, Nightclub Owner*

*"Having worked with Andrew for over 20 years he is always my first "go to" person in respect of any technical contractual point and/or insurance indemnity problem. His no nonsense and straight forward approach to what can sometimes be complex problems is refreshing and reassuring. " AO, Regional Manager, Solicitor's Firm*

*"I was required to take legal action against a person who bought my business. Andrew acted on my behalf and we were successful. Having no previous experience of the legal system, it was great comfort to me to know that I was in very capable hands." MDK, Business Proprietor*

*"I found Andrew's service to be well thought through, insightful and highly efficient. He's a real talent in his law specialism." TH, National Sales and Marketing Director*

*"Your recommendations regarding [the matter] were adopted and have proved to be very satisfactory . . . The committee was grateful for your help." JWS, Charity Trustee*

*"Andrew is a great 'all round' barrister. He is the first person I think of when I have something new which I know is going to need delving into from first principles. He likes a challenge: I have given him a few over the years. His pleading and advocacy skills are excellent. He is a great one to chew over legal problems with." AW, Solicitor, Senior Partner*

## **Reported cases**

**Thinc Group plc v Armstrong** [2012] EWCA Civ 1227; [2012] All ER (D) 17. (Court of Appeal contract case, instructed by successful respondents on public access; described by Employment Law Blog as a rare victory for the collateral warranty)

**Re H** (2012) QBD, Royce J (£2.6m settlement in infant brain injury claim)

**Hennessy v Coupland** (2012) QBD, Cox J (£2.8m damages for injured motorcyclist)

**Ace Consultancy v Akins** [2011] EWCA Civ 957 (costs appeal)

**Loveridge v Healey** [2004] C.P. Rep. 30 (CA (Civ Div)), Times 27.2.04 (Court of Appeal authority on the effect of admission in pleadings)

**Pratt v Smith** (2005) 2 QR 5, QBD (successfully represented the Claimant in a £1.1m damages claim)

**James v First Bristol Buses Ltd** [2003] CLY (civil procedure)

**Spilsbury v Martin International Holdings plc** [2002] CLY (costs and Pt 36 offers)

**Nangleman v Royal Free Hampstead NHS Trust** [2001] 3 All ER 793, [2002] 1 WLR 1043, Times CA (leading Court of Appeal authority on service of claims)

**Cawston v Chartered Trust plc** (2000) CLY (fraud not rendering hire purchase contract void ab initio)

**Clift v Welsh Office** [1998] 4 All ER 852, [1999] 1 WLR 796, Times 24.8.98, CA (acted for the successful Claimants in a Court of Appeal test case on property damage compensation, described by The Times as a landmark ruling)

**R v Denslow** [1998] Crim L R 566, CA (definition of possession)

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