



# Andrew Axon

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Andrew Axon is a Door Tenant at Outer Temple Chambers.

His practice specialises in Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence. He represents those who have suffered catastrophic injuries requiring complex rehabilitation needs, adapted accommodation, Court of Protection and 24-hour care packages.

His current caseload includes: catastrophic brain injuries, locked in syndrome, undiagnosed genetic disorders, cerebral palsy and paralysis with a combined value exceeding £100 million.

Andrew currently advises the British and European Societies of Gastroenterology on individualised consent and he regularly lectures to national bodies such as AvMA and at the Royal Society of Medicine to the British Society of Otolaryngology.

Andrew is ranked in Band 1/ Tier 1 in the directories and is listed as a "Star Individual" for Clinical Negligence by Chambers & Partners.

He is described as "an extremely high-quality player...[and]...top class" by Chambers & Partners and "An excellent barrister, particularly with complex cases" by Legal 500.

## Areas of Expertise

### Personal Injury

Andrew Axon specialises in claims of the utmost severity involving complex rehabilitation needs, adapted accommodation, Court of Protection and 24-hour care packages.

He has recently concluded brain injury claims valued at £12 million (PPO) and £9 million, as well as numerous other multi-million pound claims. Ongoing cases valued above £5m, requiring extensive care packages; accommodation needs; deputyship etc, include Cerebral Palsy claims, brain stem Injury, severe traumatic brain injury, severe self-harm and tetraplegia claims.

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Other high value claims include:

- Paralysis
- Locked in syndrome – pedestrian RTA – 24 hour care
- Hypoxic brain injury
- Amputation
- Elective above knee – motorcycle accident
- Elective below knee – pedestrian RTA
- Bi-lateral traumatic above knee amputation – RTA
- Upper limb
- Brachial plexus (flail arm) – motorcycle accident; Brachial plexus in combination with brain injury – motorcycle accident
- Spinal Injury
- Fracture is S3/S4 – incomplete tetraplegia

Chambers & Partners 2024 recently said of Andrew;

“Andrew takes things in his stride and can always come up with alternative solutions when issues arise.” “Andrew makes clients feel at ease in complex and traumatic situations. He’s very good on his feet, in negotiations, and he’s always been very eloquent.” “He has a real flair and is developing expertise in personal injury work. He really wants to get beyond the law and understand the client’s journey.”

### **Notable Personal Injury cases**

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#### **BRAIN INJURY (Ongoing 2024)**

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Claimant suffered brain injury of greatest severity following RTA requiring constant 2:1 care for life.

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#### **BRAIN INJURY (Ongoing 2024)**

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Claimant suffered hypoxic injury following drowning. Requires constant care for life.

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#### **SPINAL INJURY (Ongoing 2024)**

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Tetraplegic Claimant suffers profound disability arising from a riding accident.

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#### **BRAIN INJURY (Ongoing 2024)**

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Cyclist suffered profound injury for which 24 hour care will be required.

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## Clinical Negligence

Andrew is ranked as a Star Individual at the North East Bar for his Personal Injury work by Chambers & Partners.

His current caseload includes:

- Obstetrics – 3 x cerebral palsy – profound disability
- Paediatrics – congenital metabolic disorder; delayed diagnosis – hydrocephalus – profound disability
- Hypoxic brain injury caused by unplanned extubation – profound disability.
- Spinal – spinal surgery – tetraplegia – profound disability; cauda equina – delayed diagnosis
- Oncology – delayed diagnosis of: cervical, lung and breast cancers – fatalities
- Vascular – Amputation – lower limb – radiological misdiagnosis; treatment delay diabetes; missed progressive arterial disease
- Psychiatric – self harm during psychosis

Chambers & Partners describe him as "...an extremely high-quality player ... very knowledgeable on the medical side of things ... technically very strong, and has a good manner with clients."

### Notable Clinical Negligence cases

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#### CEREBRAL PALSY (2018)

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Complex Cerebral Palsy case involving a dispute concerning interpretation of the trace and the appropriate response of clinicians. Case concluded with a value of £14.3 million which was settled as a lump sum and Periodical Payments Order.

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#### DELAYED DIAGNOSIS BRAIN TUMOUR (2018)

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Cerebral Palsy case leading to profound disability and 24-hour care regime. Case concluded with capital sum £4.1 million and Periodical Payments Order rising £79k to £145k to £165k – Capitalised value: £13.5 million.

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#### DELAYED DIAGNOSIS CHOROID PLEXUS CARCINOMA (2018)

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Child with co-morbid learning difficulties – blindness caused by breach of duty. Causation disputed. Case concluded with capital sum £1.25 million and Periodical Payments Order rising £42k to £82k to £100k – Capitalised value: £11 million.

## Memberships

- President of the West Yorkshire Medico-Legal Society;
- Attorney General's Junior Counsel to the Crown (Regional Panel – Civil);

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- Attorney General's (A list) Panel of Prosecution Advocates;
- Grade A Advocacy Trainer for the North Eastern Circuit;
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA);
- Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA);
- Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL);
- Leeds Medico-Legal Society

## Publications

- Co-author – Overcoming the injustices of Gregg v Scott with a new approach to recovering damages in cases of delayed diagnosis of cancer following JD v MELANIE MATHER EWHC 3063 (QB). Clinical Risk 2014 Jan 21
- Contributor – APIL Model Pleadings and Applications (Jordans, 2012)
- Co-author – The Athens International Position Statement on Sedation in Digestive Endoscopy (2010)
- Drinking at the last chance saloon – an analysis of CPR Part 6 – Legal and Medical Magazine (19/07/06)
- Co-author (in preparation) – ESGE (European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy) Guideline: Nonanaesthesiologist administration of propofol for GI Endoscopy Co-author of APIL Guide to Personal Injury Applications and Pleadings (Jordans, 2005)
- Recovery time – Solicitors Law Journal (21/9/01)
- Compensation Recovery Unit Appeals – Journal of Personal Injury Law 201 issue 4/01
- Compensating the State – Solicitors Law Journal (6/00)

## Awards

- Shortlisted for Clinical Negligence Junior of the Year – Legal 500 Bar Awards 2023

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