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Andrew Langdon KC is a Crime Silk who regularly appears in cases of homicide, complex fraud and regulatory crime. He has appeared in some of the most notable cases on the Western Circuit, including the Bristol trial concerning the murder of Becky Watts.

Ranked as a 'Star Silk' in the Chambers & Partners Guide he is reported by them as having "...all the gravitas, demeanour and intellect that one would hope for in a KC. There is no case that he could not handle. He is passionate, persuasive, forensic and delivers in a way that most barristers can only dream of emulating."

The Legal 500 reports: "An absolutely first-class criminal silk. He has it all. Extraordinarily bright, respected by the judiciary and a master at unearthing arguments or points that change cases. He is also great with clients and solicitors love him."

A passionate believer in trial by jury, Andrew regards appearing as a barrister in the criminal courts of England and Wales an immense privilege that brings with it a heavy responsibility. The only recipe is hard work.

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Expertise

Crime

Over the years, Andrew has won a reputation for his ability to handle heavy and complex cases. He is presently instructed in the most serious cases on the Western Circuit. For both defence and prosecution, he leads in mainstream serious crime, involving murder, drugs and fraud; but aspects of his career are outside the mainstream. He has prosecuted and defended corporate and gross manslaughter cases in recent years. He has also defended individuals, directors and companies concerning workplace fatalities prosecuted by the HSE.

Andrew was on sabbatical as Chairman of the Bar in 2017 and returned to practice in 2018.

Featured Crime cases

R v O 2023

The prosecution of a man for the murder of a former partner, in a 'missing body' case (ongoing).

R v Lynagh 2023

The defence of a man charged with murder by fire-setting (ongoing).

R v IRCC Ltd & Others 2023

The prosecution of company and its directors in relation to a work-place fatality (ongoing).

R v VI 2023

The defence of a young man who killed his stepfather (ongoing).

R v F 2023

The defence of a teenager upon a retrial in a multi-handed murder.

R v Lleshi 2023

An organised crime case involving the defence of a man charged with the murder of his brother.

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R v Boboc 2022

The defence of a man charged with another, with the murder of two men in the home of one of them.

R v Sawyers 2022 (Bristol)

The prosecution of gang-related reprisal fatal stabbing.

R v F 2022 (Bristol)

The defence of a youth charged with murder.

R v White (Bristol)

The defence of a young woman charged with the murder of her partner.

R v Young & Others 2021 (Swansea)

Andrew led the team which prosecuted twelve defendants (seven at trial) in relation to a fatality on a demolition site in Cardiff. This was a complex case concerning individual corporate defendants facing a range of offences.

R v Clarke 2021 (Bristol and Court of Appeal)

The defence of a man charged with the murder of his baby which featured multiple medical experts.

R v E, 2021 (Bristol)

The defence of a 16 year old, who with four adult co-defendants was charged with joint murder at a silent disco.

R v Hannis & Others 2021 (Winchester)

In a three-month trial, Andrew led the prosecution for murder of members of a drug dealing gang, in a shotgun-assassination.

R v Mays 2020 (Winchester and Court of Appeal)

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The defence of a man charged with the murder of a child and the subsequent destruction of the body.

R v Gordon 2020 (Bristol)

The defence of a woman who had murdered an associate and then sought to dispose of the body in the Forest of Dean.

R v Dawood 2020 (Gloucester)

The prosecution of a man who stabbed another to death in a public place.

R v Harris 2020 (Bristol)

Andrew defended a man charged with the murder of an intruder in his home.

R v Lewis-Ranwell 2019 (Exeter)

Andrew defended a young man who murdered three men in their homes: the issue was the defence of insanity.

R v Dwyer-Read 2019 (Bristol)

The prosecution of a youth for a street stabbing fatality.

R v Soloscuik & Others 2019 (Bristol)

The prosecution of three members of a Polish crime group for the killing of one of their number.

R v JT 2019 (Bristol)

The defence of a youth charged with manslaughter arising from his placing an obstruction in the path of a motorcycle.

R v CDFP 2019 (Exeter)

The defence of a farm partnership charged with corporate manslaughter.

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R v Eaton & Others 2018 (Bristol)

Andrew prosecuted four men for murder in Bristol Crown Court in a case involving drugs and county-lines.

R v Walker & Henry 2018 (Bristol)

A prosecution of manslaughter in relation to a baby killing.

R v Jones 2018 (Bristol)

The prosecution of drug-related murder.

R v Lomax 2018 (Bristol)

The defence of a manslaughter.

Environment & Planning

Andrew's environmental expertise includes the prosecution of the oil companies responsible for the Buncefield explosion and consequent pollution at the Hertfordshire Oil Depot, resulting in record fines and costs orders. He was instructed by the Environment Agency in relation to this prosecution.

He has also defended prosecutions brought by the Environment Agency in relation to alleged unlawful deposits of waste. In 2021 he led the prosecution of a number of individuals and companies including European Metal Recycling Ltd, concerning deposits of unpermitted waste at a site near Bristol.

Featured Environment & Planning cases

R v Foley, EMR Ltd & Others (2020)

Andrew led the prosecution by the EA concerning the unlawful deposit of waste at a quarry that threatened pollution of Bristol's water supply.

Health & Safety

Andrew has both defended and prosecuted cases brought by the HSE for many years.

These have included fatalities and high profile cases – for example, the Port Talbot Steels Work explosion in 2005 and the Buncefield explosion in 2010 and the Pembroke Oil refinery explosion in 2019. In 2020 Andrew defended the Home Bargains superstore chain in relation to proceedings concerning a fatality at work.

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In a three month trial in 2021, he led a prosecution brought by the CPS jointly with the HSE of several companies and individuals concerning a fatality on a demolition site.

Featured Health & Safety cases

Re AHBL (2023)

The Defence of a company that operates care homes for those with significant learning disabilities, from charges brought by the HSE in relation to a fatality in the home in 2014 (ongoing).

R v IRCC Ltd & Others (2023)

The prosecution of company and its directors in relation to a work-place fatality (ongoing).

R v KY, SS & Others (2022)

The Prosecution of a Gross Negligence Manslaughter case. Twelve defendants (seven at trial) prosecuted in relation to a fatality on a demolition site.

R v KY, SS & Others (2021/2022)

Andrew led the team in the prosecution of a Gross Negligence Manslaughter and Health & Safety offences, concerning twelve defendants (seven at trial) prosecuted in relation to a fatality on a demolition site.

R v CDFP (2019)

Andrew defended a partnership against Corporate Manslaughter and H&S offences following a fatality on a farm in a four-week trial in Exeter Crown Court.

HSE v TJ Morris Ltd (2019)

Andrew defended the Home Bargains superstore chain in relation to proceedings brought by the HSE concerning a fatality at work.

R v NMSL (2015)

The defence of a company charged (together with Balfour Beatty Engineering Services) with Health & Safety Offences arising from a fatal accident at Heathrow Data Centre.

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R v Gould (2014)

The defence of a contractor involved in the construction of a new stand at the Rose Bowl Stadium, Hampshire.

R v Total (UK) Ltd & Others (2010)

Andrew led the prosecution of five companies involved in the Buncefield disaster. Two companies pleaded guilty and the remaining three were convicted after a three month trial.

HSE v Corus UK (2005/2006)

A prosecution concerning the Port Talbot Blast Furnace explosion resulting in the death of 3 workers and injuries to 17 others in November 2001, resulting in a fine and costs of £3m.

Appointments

- Chairman of Bar Council (2017)
- Bencher, Middle Temple (2016)
- Leader of Western Circuit (2015-2017)
- Recorder (2001)

Education

- LLB, University of Bristol

Memberships

- CBA
- Western Circuit

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