

# Barrister Profile

## Andrea Barnes



Barrister since 1999  
Mediator since 2003

Specialist areas: clinical negligence, personal injury and legal costs

### Professional

Andrea is a public access accredited Barrister (called 1999) with more 18 years' post qualification experience in personal injury, clinical negligence and costs litigation. She is an accredited mediator and has provided training internationally in conflict management and mediation to such organisations as the United Nations and UPeace.

Prior to Call Andrea initially gained 4 years' experience in fatal and catastrophic injuries whilst working at renowned Defendant insurer solicitors Davies Arnold Cooper solicitors (now part of DAC Beachcrofts). Andrea has also acted as consultant to a leading insurer on "ways to minimize financial leakage in personal injury and clinical negligence claims". In 2015 Andrea carried out an extensive analysis of the costs market post-Jackson reforms for a leading private equity initiative. Andrea is formerly Head of Costs at Clerksroom specializing in complex costs issues. Andrea is currently Joint Head of Chambers at 218 Strand Chambers in London and practices as a Barrister from 218 Strand in London and as a door tenant at Complete Counsel.

Andrea has an approximate 70:30 split of Claimant/Defendant personal injury and clinical negligence work and an approximate 40:60 split of Receiving Party/Paying Party legal costs work.

### Clinical negligence

Andrea has particular expertise in:-  
Allegations of failure to investigate, diagnose or treat

Maternity, obstetrics and gynaecology with a particular specialism in neonate deaths  
General practice and ambulance trust cases  
Surgical issues  
Infection cases in particular neonate and infant infection cases  
Neurological issues such as sub-arachnoid haemorrhage and PCOS malformation  
Cardiovascular and cardio thoracic cases  
Dental issues  
Personal injury. Andrea has particular expertise in:-  
Industrial/occupation disease  
Road Traffic Collisions in particular motorcycle and cycle collisions  
Occupiers' liability  
Employer's liability  
Public liability  
Product liability  
Highways  
Military claims  
Costs. Andrea has particular expertise in:-  
High value costs disputes  
Issue based costs arguments  
Joint and several liability costs arguments  
Cancellation of Contracts made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work etc. Regulations 2008  
Repudiatory and repudiated contracts  
Statutory interpretation  
ATE issues pre and post-Jackson  
Success fee issues pre-Jackson  
Capacity issues relevant to retainers  
Non-party costs orders  
Litigation funding disputes

"Andrea's expertise in neonate deaths clearly shines through with her meticulous and thorough preparation and advocacy."

"Her humanity, maturity and experience dealing with

family bereavements has enabled her to work with empathy in the most difficult of circumstances whilst offering high quality advocacy and advice.”

“Andrea’s costs knowledge is second to none. She is a fearless and tenacious advocate.”

### **Qualifications**

CLT Public access accreditation update (2014)

College of Law public access accreditation (2003)

ADR Group Accredited Mediator (2003)

Called to the Bar (1999)

Bar Vocational Course (Very Competent) 1999 LLB

(Hons) Law (2:1) (1996)

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