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Highly regarded for his knowledge and expertise in personal injury law, Andrew has appeared in a significant number of landmark High Court cases that have changed the legal landscape in that area. He has also been briefed to appear in seminal Court of Appeal matters in New South Wales, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory, as well as other States and Territories across Australia.

Having commenced practice at the Bar in 1976 and appointed Senior Counsel in New South Wales in 1993, and subsequently commissioned as Queen's Counsel in Western Australia and Tasmania shortly thereafter, Andrew maintains a true national practice. Briefed in severe personal injury matters and in more recent times, child sexual abuse cases, Andrew also possesses considerable experience in industrial and employment law, insurance litigation, medical negligence and professional negligence. He often also represents clients at alternative dispute resolution forums, including complex mediations.

A recognised leader in personal injury law, Andrew is a co-author of Thomson Reuter's Personal Injury Law Manual NSW. He is a former director of the Motor Accidents Authority and former Chair of the New South Wales Bar Association's Common Law Committee. He has also served as an Acting District Court Judge in the late 1990's. Andrew was recognised as the Australian Lawyer Alliance's member of the year in 2018, and notably, is the spokesperson for the Australian Lawyers Alliance in respect of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. He has also appeared and made submissions with Peter Semmler QC on behalf of the Australian Lawyers Alliance before the Ipp Inquiry in 2001.

Andrew holds a Doctorate in Philosophy and a Master of Arts (with distinction) from the University of London, a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney and Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from the Australian National University. He also holds the rank of Colonel in the Australian Army Reserve and the Reserve Forces Decoration.

APPOINTMENTS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 1993 Appointed Senior Counsel in New South Wales and Queens Counsel in Tasmania and Western Australia shortly thereafter
- 1976 Called to the Bar of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): University of London
- Master of Laws: University of Sydney
- Master of Arts (with Distinction): University of London
- Bachelor of Laws: Australian National University
- Bachelor of Arts: Australian National University

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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate
- Industrial / Employment
- Insurance Law
- Medical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1976 – present Senior Counsel (and previously barrister), Wardell Chambers

ACCOLADES

- Andrew was awarded the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) Member of the Year in 2018

APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Spokesman on Institutional Abuse, Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA)
- State Committee Member, Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA)
- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Member, Royal United Service Institute, NSW
- Member, Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA)
- Colonel, Australian Army Reserve
- Served as an acting District Court Judge (two periods in the late 1990s)
- Former Director, Motor Accidents Authority
- Former Chair, Common Law Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author of the *Personal Injury Law Manual NSW* – Thomson Reuters

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Since being called to the Bar, Andrew has delivered presentations on various legal developments and topical issues, including at the University of New South Wales, Australian Lawyers Alliance (national and NSW), Law Society of NSW and College of Law