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Andrew Roy, 12 King's Bench Walk

Andrew specialises in complex, sensitive and high value cases involving personal injury (especially catastrophic claims), costs, clinical negligence, industrial disease, professional negligence, limitation and related areas.

Andrew has a significant appellate practice up to and including the Supreme Court and Privy Council. He is head of the 12KBW Costs Team. He sits as a Deputy Costs Judge of the Senior Courts.

Andrew is recognised as a leading silk for Personal Injury and Costs by both Chambers & Partners and the Legal 500, having been ranked since 2009. They note that he has "A razor-sharp intellect coupled with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the case law, who is able to combine both into dazzling and fearless advocacy" and is "a great choice of counsel when you know you have a fight on your hands".

The directories further describe Andrew as "a great strategist with an eye for the big picture at all times", "absolutely first class", "a ferocious advocate", "Exceptional" with a "phenomenal grasp of the law" and "an incredibly detailed knowledge of each area in which he specialises".

As one of only a handful of barristers ranked by the directories in both personal injury and costs, Andrew brings in-depth crossover expertise to both his personal injury cases and his costs work. The directories note that in respect to personal injury he is "a strong negotiator and has the added value of real costs expertise". They likewise note that in respect of costs he "draws strength to his practice through his personal injury expertise."



Paul Mosson, Costs Lawyer Standards Board

Paul is CEO of the Costs Lawyer Standards Board (CLSB), the organisation responsible for regulating Costs Lawyers in England and Wales. The CLSB plays a vital role in upholding public confidence in the legal system by setting and enforcing the standards of professional conduct for Costs Lawyers. Paul is accountable for the full breadth of the CLSB's regulatory and operational functions, reporting directly to the Board.

Paul is also a coach specialising in working with neurodivergent clients. He is a passionate advocate for equality, diversity and inclusion, which can be seen through his work as a trustee for Liverpool City Region Pride and Disabling Barriers Scotland. Before joining the CLSB, Paul held positions as directors with both the Bar Council of England and Wales and the Law Society of Scotland, as well as being the architect behind innovative approaches to wellbeing and legal tech adoption across the legal sector.



Costs Judge Colum Leonard, SCCO

High Court Master Colum Leonard has been a full time Costs Judge in the Senior Courts Costs Office since 1 October 2010. He is a contributor to Friston on Costs and a contributing editor to Butterworths Costs Service and Atkin's Court Forms.

Costs Judge Leonard was a member of the Hutton Committee, tasked with producing an electronic bill of costs in accordance with the recommendations of Jackson LJ in his 2010 Review of Civil Litigation Costs. In November 2017 the electronic bill was introduced as Precedent S to Practice Direction 47.

Prior to full-time judicial appointment, Costs Judge Leonard was for 20 years a partner in City of London litigation firm Stewarts, specialising in commercial litigation, professional negligence and costs. He has been a Deputy District Judge since 2002 and sat as a Tribunal Judge in the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) between 2006 and 2010.

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Chris Bull, Bristol & Bath Legal Tech / Edge International

Chris Bull is a management consultant, retained advisor, thought leader and speaker focused on the legal services sector. Throughout his career he has consistently been a pioneer of alternative business models and transformation in the sector. His roles include COO and Chief Executive at mould-breaking law firm Osborne Clarke, COO for Europe and the Americas at alternative legal service provider (ALSP) Integreon and working for all of the Big 4 accounting firms. He advised on a series of high-profile Alternative Business Structure launches in the UK for clients, including KPMG and LegalZoom. Chris leads one of the UK's best established and most active regional legaltech groups and his recent work focuses on how lawyers will adopt and adapt to the use of AI and advanced technologies.

His legal consulting career stretches back to 2011 and he has advised multiple law firms and other professional service organisations in the UK, North America and Asia. He is also in demand as a Coach and Mentor to firm leaders and as an Impact Executive on an interim basis.

Chris has become one of the busiest speakers, panellists and chairs at legal business and innovation events. He is a judge for many leading legal sector awards, including the British Legal Technology Awards and Modern Law Awards. He chairs the Legal COO Network and co-chairs Bristol+BathLegalTech. He is the author of 'The Agile Law Firm' (2021) and previous publications include 'The Legal Process Toolkit' and 'Law Firms in the Digital Age'.



Chris Chapman - National Sales Director at Thomson Reuters

Chris Chapman is an accomplished sales leader with over 20 years of experience in the legal technology sector. Currently serving as National Sales Director at Thomson Reuters, Chris has been with the organisation since 2003, progressively advancing through various leadership roles. demonstrating consistent excellence in client relationship management and sales leadership.

In his current capacity, Chris oversees national sales strategy and field operations, having served as National Sales Director since 2020. He previously managed the Bar & Academic Sales division, where he was responsible for Thomson Reuters' full suite of legal solutions including Westlaw, Lawtel, and Practical Law. Before his current tenure, Chris led a team of consultants delivering eDiscovery solutions, computer forensic investigations, and data collection services to UK law firms and corporations facing regulatory scrutiny. With his deep expertise in legal information services and technology solutions, Chris has established himself as a trusted advisor to barristers' chambers, law firms, and academic institutions throughout the UK.



Matthew Smith, Kings Chambers

Matthew Smith is able to deal with any civil costs dispute, and is one of only three counsel to also be a qualified costs draftsman. Moreover, his knowledge of the law outside costs makes him particularly adept at dealing with the more unusual topics that may arise in costs litigation, such as novel points of principle, costs in tribunals, children and costs etc.

Matthew has a niche practice in dealing with issues concerning contracts of retainer, including advising the steps which are required to mend (or undermine) 'broken retainers'. This goes hand-in-hand with his specialism in non-contentious costs. He has drafted a number of retainers (both conditional and non-conditional), and is adept at giving advice which is aimed at maximising profit (both for defendant firms and claimant firms) and minimising risk.

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Matthew also has wide experience of group litigation, applications for security for costs, issues concerning success fees, after the event insurance, costs concerning patients, costs concerning children, and fixed costs. Matthew is an experienced costs mediator and CADR Panel member.



Senior Costs Judge Rowley

Jason Rowley has been a Costs Judge at the Senior Courts Costs Office since 2013, having previously been a Deputy Costs Judge since 2006. He has been involved in costs matters since 1993 when he attended a conference chaired by Michael Cook and which left him with a desire to know far more about the world of costs.

At the SCCO, Jason is responsible for the SCCO Guide and the annual training day of the costs judiciary. He has been co-opted onto working parties such as the Family Procedure Rule Committee and has recently become a Judicial College Civil tutor in order to teach costs subjects to the wider judiciary.

Prior to becoming a judge, Jason intervened on behalf of the Forum of Insurance Lawyers in cases such as Callery v Gray before running test cases on behalf of clients involving Claims Direct and The Accident Group. This led to stints on the Law Society's Civil Litigation Committee, including drafting the 2005 model CFA, as well as participation in the 'Big Tents' convened to broker industry agreements on success fees.

Jason started as a solicitor in an insurance practice dealing mainly with personal injury claims. He was a partner for 11 years, the last 5 of which were as Managing Partner. Thereafter he was the CEO of a barristers' chambers in the Inner Temple and a senior underwriting manager at a legal expenses insurance company.



Paul Seddon, Seddon Legal Costs

Paul Seddon is the owner of Seddon Costs Law. He is a qualified and regulated independent costs lawyer with clients across England and Wales.

Paul has extensive experience across costs law including litigation funding (both receiving and paying party) and costs budgets in the Chancery Division. He has dealt with cases at every level right up to the Supreme Court. He authors and delivers training to solicitors, barristers and fellow costs professionals on key aspects of procedure and case law. His clients range from private law firms to law centres, Citizens Advice Bureaux and local authorities.

Paul is a national expert in costs for civil legal aid: he authored the chapter on costs for civil work in the Legal Aid Handbook (commonly referred to as 'the bible on legal aid'), he sits on the advisory committee of the Legal Aid Practitioners Group, is a former chair of the ACL's Legal Aid Group and a continuing member of its executive committee.

Victoria Morrison-Hughes, Integral Legal Costs, ACL Vice-Chair



Victoria is a qualified Costs Lawyer with a degree in accountancy and finance, coupled with extensive experience working as a lawyer in high street practice provides Victoria with unique insight into both the operational and technical demands of a legal business. Her main areas of expertise include commercial litigation, clinical negligence, catastrophic injury, Court of Protection and solicitor & own client disputes together with Costs management and negotiations. Victoria's primary focus is on providing excellent client care and service where her priority rests on quality and ensuring clients receive a bespoke service.

Victoria prides herself on developing strong working relationships with her clients with a "we are in this together mentality".

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Passionate about client care whilst she is well versed technically, she does not get caught up in legal arguments for the sake of it. At all times Victoria seeks to achieve the most commercial practical outcome for her clients. Victoria is always a well prepared and proficient advocate when it is required.

A testimony to Victoria's skill set in both advocacy and client care and a fact of which she is particularly proud is that her most long-standing client was on boarded following her opposing him on detailed assessment. She has established over the years a core set of clients gained principally through recommendation/word of mouth renowned for her practical, no nonsense commercial and collaborative approach.

Robin Dunne, Gatehouse Chambers



Robin has practised in Costs and Litigation funding for over 20 years and is consistently ranked as a leading costs junior in Chambers and Partners and the Legal 500. He is described in the directories as "an absolute expert in the field" and being "calm and intelligent with the skills of an experienced silk both in written advice and advocacy."

He is an expert in solicitor and client costs issues and has appeared in many of the leading cases on this complex topic including Herbert v HH Law, Karatysz v SGI Legal and Belsner v CAM Legal. He also specialises in group litigation costs and professional negligence (particularly where there are also disputes as to costs).

Robin has appeared unled in the Court of Appeal multiple times and has a large High Court appellant practice. He also regularly appears in the SCCO where there are significant sums at stake or in cases involving complex points of law. He is the author of A Practical Guide to Solicitor and Client Costs (Law brief Publishing) 2nd Edition and a Contributing Editor to Friston on Costs (OUP) 4th Edition. In addition to his practice at the bar, Robin sits as a Recorder (Civil) on the South Eastern Circuit.



Sara Gould, Harman GJK

Sara Gould is Managing Partner at Harman GJK and an expert in the field of legal costs. Appointed to this role at just 35, she has combined exceptional technical expertise with a hands-on leadership style that has driven success for clients, colleagues and the firm alike.

Sara's expertise spans group actions, clinical negligence and commercial litigation, where she provides tailored, strategic advice to leading firms across the country and Tuckers.

Over the past year Sara has been instructed on the biggest group action claim before the UK courts to date. Her role has included managing large budgets and reporting to 3rd party funders. This included forecasting and budgeting the costs of the entire claim, to include a 12 week jurisdictional hearing.

Earlier this year Sara was highly commended in the Costs Lawyer of the Year category at the Modern Law Magazine Awards, highlighting her impact on the profession and dedication to excellence.

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Robert Marven KC, 4 New Square Chambers

Robert Marven KC is widely known as one of the leading specialists in all aspects of the law relating to costs and litigation funding, including associated professional negligence claims. He has been instructed in many of the most important cases in these areas.

Robert is also a recognised expert in the areas of group litigation and collective proceedings, the regulation of solicitors, barristers and claims managers, and in civil procedure.

The Legal 500 says: "Robert has it all and is the leading silk in the costs field. He combines encyclopaedic costs knowledge with razor sharp intellect", and that he is "outstanding on his feet, diligent and hard-working. Very clever and impressive." Chambers and Partners notes that he is: "a complete expert in thorny costs matters, he's very user-friendly, accessible and collegiate. His advocacy is a real strength – his submissions are confident and direct. He's brilliant." and "Rob Marven cuts through it all. He's sharp-witted and a heavyweight lawyer." Clients say he is "very client-friendly and communicates in a way that clients readily understand", "highly responsive and is a real pleasure to work with on every level" and "works wonders in enabling clients to successfully progress."



Costs Judge Simon Brown, SCCO

Master Brown was called to the Bar (Gray's Inn) in 1988. He had a general practice for the first 5 years as a Barrister and thereafter specialised in professional negligence, employment, personal injury and costs.

At the Bar he was instructed in many of the leading cases in costs. He was appointed as a full-time Costs Judge in October 2016. In March 2017 he was appointed a Queens Bench Master initially as a Deputy and now spending about 50% of his time as King's Bench Master. In 2024 he was appointed Deputy Admiralty Registrar.