

1GC | Family Law

Andrew Venables

Year of Call: 2013



Practice Overview

Andrew was a member of 1GC from 2018 to 2025. In March 2025, he moved to Jersey to join Dickinson Gleeson as a Senior Associate. His work at the firm centres largely on litigating trust, company and commercial disputes.

Notwithstanding his move offshore, Andrew retains his connection with 1GC as a door tenant. He is able to consult and to provide advice on enforcement in Jersey and the operation of Jersey trusts.

Notable Cases

***R v G* [2022] EWHC 1428:** Successfully opposed application for a stay on *forum conveniens* grounds following wrongful removal of two children to Jordan.

***Re D* [2022] EWCA Civ 641:** Appeared for the Lord Chancellor, as intervenor in an appeal concerning the extent of appeal rights available under the 2007 Hague maintenance Convention.

***Channel 4 & Others v M, F and Child* [2020] (Not published):** Successfully opposed an application by Channel 4 and Louise Tickle to publish information as part of the Dispatches TV programme about a long-running private law children dispute.

***SA v FA* [2017] EWHC 1731:** Appeared on behalf of a mother applying to set aside a consent order in child abduction proceedings on the grounds of duress.

***B v A & C* (2017, unreported):** Successfully acted for co-defendants in a proprietary estoppel claim brought by a member of the defendants' extended family.

***Re Y* [2016] EWCA Civ 971:** Permission to appeal and successful appeal hearing in care proceedings concerning a mother with learning disabilities.

***Re G* [2016] EWCA Civ 297:** Appeal arising out of Hague Convention 1980 proceedings. Cited in Family Court Practice as authority that a party cannot invite the Court of Appeal to introduce undertakings after an appeal has been withdrawn.

***Re X* [2016] EWFC B31:** Acted for the mother in a Local Authority's application in the inherent jurisdiction for authorisation of a deprivation of liberty of a child in care. The key issue was the duration of the declaratory and how reviews ought to be conducted.

Education

BMus, Music, First, Newcastle University

GDL, Distinction, Northumbria University

BPTC, Distinction, Northumbria University

Appointments

Deputy District Judge, South Eastern circuit (2021)

Awards

Pegasus Scholar (2019), Uganda

Memberships & Associations

Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (Associate)

Family Law Bar Association

Honourable Society of Middle Temple

Seminars, Publications and Training

"Challenging CMS Decisions Through the First-Tier Tribunal" , 1GC Family Law Webinar series (July 2020).