Andrew Dymond

Year of Call: 1991

Practice Summary

Andrew's practice consists of housing, local government, landlord and tenant and general property law. He has been recognised by Chambers and Partners as a leading junior in social housing law in every year since the category was first introduced and is also ranked in the Legal 500 for his social housing work. He acts for landlords, local authorities, tenants and the homeless on all aspects of housing law, including possession claims, local government finance, housing standards, HMOs, homelessness and allocations. His property work includes leasehold enfranchisement, all aspects of service charges, restrictive covenants, easements business tenancies and non-domestic rates. He is Deputy General Editor of the Housing Law Reports, an editor of Arden and Partington's Housing Law and co-author of the Manual of Housing Law. He is part of the legal team representing the bereaved, survivors and residents in Phase 2 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

Andrew regularly acts for both applicants and local authorities in homelessness cases. He has advised many authorities on homelessness at a policy level and has provided training and seminars on homelessness law. He has also advised numerous local authorities on revisions to their allocation schemes. His cases include R. (Edwards) v Birmingham CC [2016] EWHC 173 (Admin); [2016] H.L.R. 11, in which he was part of the legal team which successfully opposed a challenge to the lawfulness of the authority's procedures for discharging its duties under Pt 7.

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Notable cases include:

Islington LBC v Unite Group Plc [2013] EWHC 508 (Admin); [2013] PTSR 1078; [2013] H.L.R. 33 (HMO licensing and student accommodation)

Rochdale MBC v Dixon [2011] EWCA Civ 1173; [2012] PTSR 1336; [2012] H.L.R. 6 (water charges and local authority powers)

Swindon BC v Redpath [2009] EWCA Civ 493; [2009] L.&T.R. 1; [2010] H.L.R. 13 (anti-social behaviour and housing management functions)

Kilby v Basildon DC [2007] EWCA Civ 479; [2007] H.L.R. 39 (variation of secure tenancies and local government powers)

Andrew is part of the legal team representing the bereaved, survivors and relatives in Phase 2 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, with particular emphasis on the following modules: the primary refurbishment (Module 1); active and passive fire safety measures internal to the building, management of building, compliance with RRO 2005, fire risk assessment, including complaints and communication with residents (Module 2); and, aftermath (Module 4).

Although Andrew's local government practice primarily focuses on housing law, as he regularly advises authorities on policy issues, he has a wider local government practice, particularly with regard to local government powers, constitution and finance. He regularly advises authorities at a policy level in respect of proposed housing developments, property management, allocation schemes and discharge of duties to the homeless.

Memberships

- Housing Law Practitioners' Associations
- Social Housing Law Association
- Property Bar Association