

ANDREW RINKER, J.D., MBA, C Dir, FCI Arb, FloD, FCSI, Barrister

Andrew Rinker graduated from Tulane University School of Law with high honours (magna cum laude), where he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Tulane Law Review, a prestigious international legal publication. He was also awarded the Order of the Coif, a national law school award for integrity, leadership and academic accomplishment. Andrew also received a Master of Business Administration degree with high honours. He practiced with a major United States law firm which had been founded in 1826 and became one of the firm's youngest partners.

In the United Kingdom, Andrew passed the required examinations and became a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. He further qualified as a solicitor-advocate granting him higher rights of audience to appear before all the courts in England and Wales, in the same manner as barristers. He was then admitted to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, called to the Bar, admitted with full practice rights as a barrister, accredited by the Bar Standards Board as a public access barrister, was one of the first ever barristers to be granted the right to conduct litigation by the Bar Council.

Andrew's formal education and training extend beyond his Doctor of Law degree and his MBA. He achieved certification as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) after extensive training, examinations, peer review and experience in arbitration. Additionally, he is a member of the Standing Committee of Mediation Advocates.

He was also granted Chartered Director (C Dir) status by the Institute of Directors (IoD), where he is also a Fellow, after intensive seminars, examinations, peer review and practical experience. A Chartered Director understands from a business perspective the duties and responsibilities of directors, including a broad practical knowledge of company law, finance and accounting, strategic development and planning, change management, corporate governance, dealing with employees and other stakeholders, marketing and operations.

His education, knowledge and experience also extend beyond law study alone to practical qualifications in financial services and securities. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (FCSI). He achieved the Certificate in Private Client Investment and Management (a level six—the highest level qualification) which meets the Financial Conduct Authority requirements for approval under its training and competency regulations as an Approved Person authorized to advise and deal with the general public in securities, derivatives and packaged products. Andrew also earned the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI) certificates in Corporate Finance, Corporate Risk Management, Risk in Financial Services for Directors and Investment Operations and diplomas in securities, derivatives, packaged products and risk and taxation.

Andrew also achieved Fellow status at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS), a high level academic and practical qualification in land, property and construction.

Andrew brings a well-rounded and thorough approach to solving legal issues. His practical experience in business and finance places him in a superior position to evaluate business and commercial situations and to provide comprehensive legal advice and solutions to complex problems. He has served a director in over a dozen companies in property development and management, natural resources and mining, telecommunications, software development, insurance, investments, corporate finance, farming, healthcare, business brokerage and consulting and manufacturing.

He has also devoted substantial time to over twenty civic and charitable organisations as a trustee, director or governor. He has served, for example, as chairman of a public television station developing and producing educational and cultural programming and reaching over two million people and as chairman of a museum system the size of the British Museum with over 300,000 annual visitors. He has served as a school governor, a trustee of a nation-wide social services organization and a fund raising adviser for a military organization.

In the public arena, Andrew was elected as a councillor in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in London. He served as an advisory member to the UK government's Economic Competitiveness Policy Group, developing new policy concepts and drafting legislation on pension management and solvency, fund management regulation, business investment and regulation in the UK, executive and private equity compensation. He was a Society of Conservative Lawyers adviser on *Centre for Social Justice* project for expediting the justice procedures in criminal cases, especially juvenile cases, and evaluating appropriate sentencing strategies. He also advised ministers on revisions to the local government bill. He speaks to various business groups and was a keynote speaker at the *Commonwealth Anti-Corruption Conference* in London. He has also been a member of a think tank which revises private laws.

Andrew practiced law for many years in the United States in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, commercial, company, contract disputes, corporate finance, criminal, entertainment, partnership, professional liability, property, private client, professional liability, real estate, probate, trusts and estates. He was one of the youngest lawyers ever to argue a case before the United States Supreme Court.

In the United Kingdom, Andrew is a multi-faceted barrister with training and experience in business disputes (contracts, warranties, tort, agency, employment, fiduciary duties, restitution), civil fraud, joint ventures, partnership, family offices, finance, financial services, LLPs, corporate and shareholder and investor disputes, intellectual property, mergers and acquisitions, natural resources and mining, private equity and other investments, probate, professional liability, property, shipping and trusts and estates. He also drafts contracts, corporate and partnership documents, investment agreements, licenses, wills and trusts, corporate governance codes and other types of agreements.

He also works well with specialist teams in any area of law. Where needed, Mr. Rinker will bring in other professionals to assist in the efficient, effective and optimal handling of any matter. He will act for clients in arbitrations and mediations and as an arbitrator

or mediator. He takes a comprehensive and multi-disciplined approach, based on his knowledge, training and experience, to advising and representing clients in order to achieve the best and most comprehensive result for his clients.