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Overview

Andrew is an established top tier rated [licensing](#) lawyer and has developed a following of renowned restaurants, bars, clubs, hotels, art galleries and museums. His clients include Tate Galleries, Chiltern Firehouse, Gaucho, Busaba, Barworks, and Alan Yau. Where firms do not have a licensing department, they regularly ask Andrew to advise their clients on the best licensing strategy.

Andrew has worked on some of the highest-profile cases and always aims to secure licenses without the need for an appeal. He excels in managing large portfolios for clients and helping them to expand across the UK.

Andrew's particular strength is in negotiating with council officers, police and local residents, and has helped resolve many licensing reviews and closure order applications by way of agreement between parties.

An exceptionally commercially minded lawyer who approaches cases like an entrepreneur

Legal 500 2017

Combines a realistic approach with a can-do attitude

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Expertise

- Licensing of large developments, in particular international hotels and regeneration developments such as Deptford Project
- Difficult licence applications for nightclubs and bars
- Structuring the licensing aspects of any acquisition or sale or funding
- Helping chain restaurants to expand and improving the value of their licences

Cases

- Licensing the world's most visited modern art museum, the Tate Modern on London's Bankside. Securing the grant of a new and extended premises licence following the completion of its £260 million extension
- Obtaining a 24-hour licence for W Hotel
- Securing a 2am licence for Hakkasan
- Securing the licence for Chiltern Firehouse
- Licensing Park Chinois, Duck and Rice and Babaji for Alan Yau
- Securing the licences for Bounce and Flight Club Dart's social entertainment venues
- Relicensing the 24-hour licence for W Hotel
- Obtaining extension of hours and capacities for premises located in the West End Stress Area including obtaining an extension from midnight to 3am and an increase in capacity
- Obtaining the licence for several new Everyman Cinema branches across the country
- Assisting Tasty PLC in its expansion across the UK
- Licensing Camden Town Brewery and assisting in its recent sale

Recognition

Andrew Wong of Keystone Law is known for his ability to obtain licences on behalf of blue-chip clients. *"He is a most commercially-minded solicitor whose approach is that of a business entrepreneur rather than a lawyer. He is particularly good at negotiations with authorities and offers first-class strategy advice,"* notes a source.

Chambers UK 2019

Recognised in the Legal 500 2018 as a Leading Individual for Licensing

Andrew Wong is *"a real star"* who *"looks for solutions to achieve the apparently impossible"*

Legal 500 2018

Andrew Wong of Keystone Law is *"an absolutely superb solicitor who approaches cases with entrepreneurial flair, commercial acumen and shrewd negotiating skill,"* according to impressed sources. He acts for clients such as high-end art galleries on restaurants on licensing matters.

Chambers UK 2018

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Andrew Wong of Keystone Law is particularly adept at advising restaurants on their licensing concerns. One source names him as "the most commercially astute solicitor I have come across in licensing."

Chambers UK 2017

Recently ranked in the top 10 licensing lawyers for London. Noted in the commentary as *“Truly Outstanding”* and *“Stands out among the competitors”*

Legal 500 UK 2016

“ ... the most commercially minded and commercially astute solicitor in licensing.”

Chambers UK 2016

Career

- 2016** **Keystone Law** | *Consultant Solicitor*
- 2015-2016** **Gordon Dadds** | *Partner*
- 2001-2015** **Jeffrey Green Russell Ltd** | *Partner*
- 2003** *Qualified as a solicitor*