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Qualifications

1979 – 1983 LLB, Edinburgh University
1983 – 1984 Diploma in Legal Practice, Edinburgh University

Honours or Prizes

Faculty Bursary Awards 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983
First Class Honours 1983
Honorary Doctorate, University of Stirling, 2015

Career To Date

1984 – 86 Balfour & Manson – Trainee Solicitor
1986 – 88 Reporter to the Children's Panel
1989 Called to the Bar
2002 Awarded Silk

Publications

Glog & Henderson: *The Law of Scotland* (Co-editor of 10th, 11th & 12th editions)
Deprivation of Liberty: the position in Scotland (IJMHCL, 2016, No. 22, 119 – 133)
'A good name, a long game' in *Fifty Years of the Law Commissions: the dynamics of law reform* (Dyson, Lee and Stark, Hart Publishing, 2016)

Past Cases

St Clair Peerage Claim (for Lord Advocate and Scottish Office)

Dunblane Inquiry (Junior counsel for all parents)

McFarlane v Tayside Health Board (as Junior in the House of Lords)

Wm Grant & Sons Ltd v Glen Catrine Bonded Warehouse Ltd (Passing Off; as Junior in Inner House)

Booker Aquaculture v Secretary of State (Fundamental Rights case; as Junior at all stages, including European Court of Justice)

Cantwell v C.I.C.B. (as Junior in the House of Lords)

Fraser Inquiry into cost of Parliament (Representing Scottish Executive)

Helen Percy v Church of Scotland (as Senior in the House of Lords)

Shetland Islands Council v Lerwick Port Authority (Legitimate Expectation)

MB v Scottish Ministers (Mental health/allegation of rape in civil proceedings)

Petition of ABC for judicial review (Article 8 ECHR in Children's Hearing; representing the Lord Advocate)

Petition of SPUC for judicial review (Vires of statutory approval; representing the Scottish Government)

Appointments

Standing Junior Counsel to Department of Agriculture and Fisheries/Rural Affairs (1993 – 2002)

Member, Coulsfield Committee on reform of Court of Session rules regarding personal injury (1997 – 98)

Convener of Scottish Executive Appeal Tribunal regarding qualifications for General Practice (2000 – 2005)

Member, Scottish Consumer Council Civil Justice Review Advisory Group (2004 – 05)

Procurator to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (2005 -)

Co-Director, Scottish Council of Law Reporting (2005 - 2010)

Member, Scottish Law Commission Working Group on Reform of Damages for Wrongful Death (2006 - 08)

Member, Scottish Law Commission Working Group on Reform of Law of Unincorporated Associations (2008 - 09)

Part time Law Commissioner, 2009 to 2014

Senior Counsel to the Penrose Inquiry, 2009 to 2015

Member, Employment and Diversity Committee of Faculty of Advocates (2014 to date)

Legal Member, Pensions Appeal Tribunals for Scotland (2015 to date)

Convener, Law Reform Committee of Faculty of Advocates (2015 to date)

Legal member, Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (2016)

Panel Member, Scottish Government review of the regulation of legal services (2017 to date)

Deputy Judge of the Upper Tribunal, Administrative Appeals Chamber (2018 to date)

Languages

French – Passable

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