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General Information

LLB (ABERDEEN) 1989
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Year of call: 1999

Practice

Before calling at the Bar Ross practised as a solicitor for 6 years. He initially trained as a criminal lawyer regularly appearing to conduct district and sheriff court (including jury trials) before deciding on a change in direction and transferring to civil law practice in 1993. He joined a trade union law firm specialising in high quality personal injury and employment law cases. Whilst principally involved in running the sheriff court department he also retained some Court of Session work (Hamilton v Secretary of state for Scotland 1995 (knife injury to prisoner); Erskine v Falcon Catering equipment 1997 SLT 856 (s.28 of Factories Act 1961); King v Eaton 1999 SLT 656; 1998 SCLR 1017 (employment law issue)).

Since calling at the bar in 1999, Ross has been well instructed with a busy civil practice with appearances in the Court of Session, sheriff courts, employment and employment Appeal tribunals. His principal fields of practice include:

- Personal injury
- Clinical and professional negligence
- Professional negligence
- Property damage/reparation
- Health and safety and Inquiry work
- Employment and Employment Appeal Tribunal work

Ross regularly acts for both pursuers and defenders. He is extensively experienced in all areas of personal injury including psychiatric injury/stress claims, Protection from Harassment Act 1997 claims, accidents at work, disease claims, medical and professional negligence cases, road traffic accidents.

Selected Cases

Personal Injury:

- Skinner v Aberdeen City Council 2001 RepLR 118 Manual Handling Operations regulations proof
- Graham v Dryden 2002 RepLR 104 -proof or jury trial
- Burke and others v Glasgow City Council [2005] CSOH 155 -12 day Vibration White Finger (HAVS) proof
- Tamburrin v Advocate General for Scotland {2006} CSOH 169-preliminary proof on timebar proof
- O'Donnell v McLean [2007] CSOH 62-expert witnesses expenses issue
- Riddell v Leisure Link Limited 2008- 20 day Manual Handling operations regulations 1992 proof (appealed by defenders to Inner House)

Fatal accident Inquiry:

- Richard King and Roland Duffell (51 day inquiry held at Dundee Sheriff Court concerning explosion on an oil rig)

Employment Law:

Ross has appeared at many employment tribunals over the years. One recent example was a 25 day disability discrimination case *Carpenter v Edinburgh City Council* (April 2007). His employment appeal tribunal work has included:

- *Midlothian Council v Elliott* (2000)
- *Campbell v Freightliners* (2004)
- *Hannah v Fielding* (2000)
- *Robert Davie v Wastemaster* (2007)

Seminars

Ross has given regular personal injury and employment seminars.

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