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Practice

Bruce is instructed by pursuers and defenders in all areas of personal injury litigation, with a predominant focus on medical negligence, historical child abuse, sexual harassment, and other similar claims.

He maintains a practice in general personal injury litigation, including road traffic, employers' liability, occupiers' liability, and public liability. In addition, he has acted for pursuers and defenders in claims for damages arising from breaches of data protection legislation.

As well as personal injury litigation, Bruce also represents parties in fitness to practice proceedings, such as those before the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service and the Scottish Social Services Council. He also has experience of Fatal Accident Inquiries.

Bruce is Faculty's Director of Training and Education, giving him responsibility for the provision of advocacy training to all members of Faculty as well as those training to become advocates.

Directories

"He is very responsive and will always go the extra mile to ensure that your client obtains the best results." **Chambers UK Bar, 2027**

"Bruce explains matters in a clear and concise manner to clients. He has good attention to detail and is happy to help with tricky cases." **Chambers UK Bar, 2027**

"Bruce provides clear and reasoned advice, identifying practical and pragmatic solutions." **Legal 500, 2027**

"He does an extremely good job. He is personable and easy to work with, and he is analytical and perceptive." **Chambers, 2026**

"Bruce is excellent, he grasps issues extremely quickly and distils those elegantly." **Chambers, 2026**

"He is very impressive on his feet, reflecting his ability to get straight to the heart of the matter." **Legal 500, 2026**

"Bruce is a powerful advocate who has the ear of the court. He is clear and persuasive in his arguments and has a sound knowledge of the law." **Legal 500, 2025**

"*Bruce is adept at getting to the bottom of complicated issues of liability, particularly in cases involving allegations of medical negligence, very quickly. He takes a pragmatic approach and is incredibly popular with clients*." **Legal 500, 2024**

His main areas of practice are -

- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Professional Discipline
- Professional Negligence
- Property Damage

Representative Cases

JWE v LGBT Youth Scotland - [2026] CSOH 6 - Successfully represented the pursuer at Debate in this case where he contends for the existence of a Delict of grooming and that the defender is liable for sexual abuse and assaults committed by third parties unconnected to its organisation.

Fatal Accident Inquiry into the deaths of Fowler, Cox and Crombie - [2026] FAI 1 - Appeared on behalf of the family of Graham Cox who died in a fall when undertaking a guided excursion on the Aonach Eagach ridge, Glencoe.

George Carroll v Dumfries and Galloway Council - 2024 G.W.D. 35-330 - With Calum Wilson KC. Obtained decree of absolvitor for the defender following Proof where the pursuer suffered psychiatric injuries as a result of a claimed breach of duty by his employer due to its instigation of disciplinary proceedings and subsequent termination of his employment.

CR v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions - unreported, 2024 - Before the First Tier Tribunal (Social Entitlement Chamber), successfully argued for the appellant that the requirement to repay Universal Credit in terms of section 6 of the Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) Act 1997 ought to be reduced to account for the fact that the total Universal Credit paid to him following an accident was not paid only because of the accident but also because of matters pertaining to other family members.

GD v Sisters of Nazareth - 2023 G.W.D. 26-226 - Instructed by the pursuer in a claim for historical child abuse. Successfully argued at Preliminary Proof that it was possible for the defender to have a fair trial and that it would not be substantially prejudiced by the action proceeding.

Haesel McDonald v Indigo Sun Retail Ltd - 2022 G.W.D. 18-269 - At first instance and on appeal - Recovered over £240,000 for the pursuer who suffered noise induced hearing loss following her being compelled by the defender to work through a fire alarm.

Publications

The Finality of Full and Final Damages...or not? - Greens Reparation Bulletin 156 - Rep. B. 2020, 156, 2-5

TVZ and others v Manchester City Football Club Ltd - a case review - Greens Reparation Bulletin 166 - Rep. B. 2022, 166, 2-5

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