

## Bruce Langlands

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## Practice

Bruce called to the Bar in 2019 after 10 years as a solicitor and Solicitor-Advocate.

He is regularly instructed by both pursuers and defenders in all areas of personal injury litigation, particularly in claims arising from historical child abuse, as well as medical negligence. He is also instructed in other areas of personal injury including road traffic, employers' liability, occupiers' liability, and public liability.

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.

Bruce regularly provides training to other lawyers, principally in relation to the Limitation (Childhood Abuse) (Scotland) Act 2017 and the developing jurisprudence arising therefrom.

Since calling to the bar in 2019, Bruce has worked as an advocacy instructor with the Faculty of Advocates Training and Education Department.

*"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

*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 SAC (Civ) 15* - 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.

*Laura Malone v The Lord Advocate* - Instructed as Junior Counsel for the pursuer in her £1.3m damages claim following the development of psychiatric injuries sustained during the course of her employment as a Procurator Fiscal in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

*Norma Cuthbertson v Murray Bain t/a Harelaw Equestrian Centre - 2020 G.W.D. 5-82* - Obtained decree of absolvitor for the defender following Proof. The pursuer brought a case for damages following significant injuries she sustained after a fall from a horse. The pursuer sought to blame the defender's employee for riding too close to the pursuer whilst on a hack.

## 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