

Cameron Smith

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Qualifications: 2014 - LLB (Hons) (First Class), University of Strathclyde
2016 - LLM Public International Law, University of Leiden
2017 - PgDip Professional Legal Practice, University of Glasgow
2020 - Recipient of the Lord Reid Scholarship



Cameron was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 2020. He called to the Bar as the Lord Reid Scholar.

He was elected as Vice-President of the Junior Bar Association in 2022.

Cameron practices in civil litigation. He is regularly instructed in all courts in Scotland in a wide variety of actions, principally in relation to reparation, where he acts for both pursuers and defenders. He has developed extensive experience defending cases involving dishonesty in insurance litigation, especially motor insurance fraud.

Cameron has a particular interest and insight into Group Proceedings under rules that came into force in Scotland July 2020. He is presently instructed by the Pursuer in Group Proceedings concerning substantial claims for personal injury brought on behalf of workers employed in tea estates in Kenya.

Cameron also has a solid track record in representing clients facing professional conduct proceedings and has been instructed on behalf of participants in Fatal Accident Inquiries. He has further represented an individual progressing an application to the European Court of Human Rights.

Between 2015-16, Cameron assisted defence teams representing individuals facing appellate proceedings before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), a United Nations court of law dealing with war crimes arising during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990s. Cameron holds an LLM awarded by the University of Leiden in the Netherlands.

He has tutored in the Scots Law of Evidence and contributed to a chapter in Scots Commercial Law (Anderson, R.G (ed)) (2022, 2nd edn).

Representative Cases

Nursing and Midwifery Council v SB 2023

Acted for a registrant accused of professional misconduct in a care home setting. Following a successful ‘no case to answer submission’ a number of charges were struck out. After extensive oral hearings the proceedings were brought to an end with no finding of impairment.

XX v A Local Authority 2023

Instructed on behalf of the Pursuer in connection with historical abuse (with R Milligan KC).

Hugh Campbell KC v James Finlay (Kenya) Limited [2022] CSOH 57

Acting for the Pursuer in Group Proceedings brought on behalf of over 1000 Kenyan nationals working in tea plantations in Kenya. Successfully obtained interim interdict prohibiting the Defenders from continuing to prosecute proceedings in Kenya designed to interrupt the conduct of the proceedings in Scotland (with Andrew Smith KC).

Benkert UK Limited v Paint Dispensing Limited [2022] CSIH 55

Acted for the Defender in proceedings before the Outer House and Inner House involving a dispute concerning the fairness of limitation of liability clauses under the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 (UCTA) (with Andrew Smith KC).

Fatal Accident Inquiry [2022] FAI19

Acted as sole counsel for a participant at an inquiry under section 26 of the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc (Scotland) Act 2016 involving an accident at sea.

Junior counsel in four conjoined commercial actions concerning complex averments of breach of duty and international elements arising out of activities in the Black Sea offshore energy market (with Roddy Dunlop KC & Ross Anderson, Advocate).