Compass Chambers



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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 and called to the Bar as the Lord Reid Scholar.

Cameron is presently instructed as junior counsel in the Eljamel Public Inquiry.

He has a civil litigation practice spanning courts across Scotland and is regularly instructed in reparation, clinical negligence and insurance litigation. He acts for both pursuers and defenders. Cameron has particular expertise in cases involving fraud, dishonesty and exaggeration, especially in the context of motor insurance fraud. A number of his cases have also attracted wider public and media attention. He also has experience in group proceedings.

In addition to court work, Cameron has represented clients in professional conduct proceedings, Fatal Accident Inquiries, and in an application to the European Court of Human Rights.

Between 2015 and 2016, he worked with defence teams in appellate proceedings before the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. He holds an LLM from Leiden University, has tutored in Scots Law of Evidence, and contributed to Scots Commercial Law (2nd edn, 2022).

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).