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Qualifications:	Barrister of the Middle Temple LLM in Commercial Law (Distinction), University of Edinburgh Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Faculty Scholar, Faculty of Advocates LLM in Human Rights Law, University of Strathclyde Dip Forensic Medical Sciences, Society of Apothecaries Dip Legal Practice, University of Edinburgh LLB (Hons), University of Edinburgh

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Craig has a busy personal injury practice. He is primarily instructed in high value RTA claims, involving complex issues including automatism, brain injury and functional disorders. He has substantial experience of stress at work claims, including a successful defence in a 5-week Court of Session proof.

Craig completed a 3-year appointment as an Advocate Depute in July 2024. He prosecuted charges of murder, serious organised crime and serious sexual offences. He specialised in health and safety prosecutions, in particular those with a maritime element.

Craig appeared as junior counsel in the Supreme Court in a case concerning employers' liability insurance.

Craig appeared as sole counsel in a civil jury trial in the Court of Session.

Craig has experience of a number of complex product liability cases, including those arising from the pharmaceuticals Vioxx and Celebrex, PIP silicone implants, surgical mesh products and other medical devices.

Craig is regularly instructed in clinical negligence actions and commercial disputes. He has appeared in the Dubai International Financial Centre courts.

Craig also practices at 12 KBW, a specialist personal injury chambers, in London. He has appeared in trials in the High Court, County Court and at inquests.

Recent selected cases

T v. W [2022] CSOH 44: Stress at work claim by a teacher in respect of competency and disciplinary procedures. Successful defence after a 5-week proof.

Hastings v. Finsbury Orthopaedics Ltd 2021 SLT 187: Product liability for metal-on-metal hips. Appearance as junior counsel at proof and on appeal.

ST (a child) v. L Primary School [2020] EWHC 1046: Data protection claim by the parent of a school pupil. Acting for the defendant in a trial at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Macaulay v. Morrison 2018 SC 636: Crofting appeal to the Inner House.

Bowes v. Highland Council 2018 SC 499: Fatal claim against roads authority concerning the parapet of a bridge.

Richards v. Pharmacia 2018 SLT 482: Product liability claim to the Celebrex NSAID painkiller.

Pocock v. Highland Council [2017] CSOH 40. The successful defence of a claim for personal injury following trip in Inverness city centre. The claimant was the subject of a BBC documentary for a year following the accident.

Bridges v. Alpha Insurance 2016 SLT 859 (Hon. Lord Tyre and a jury): A civil jury trial in the Court of Session. Acting for the insurer in a pedestrian collision. The jury found contributory negligence of 85%.

William Campbell v. Peter Gordon Joiners [2016] UKSC 38, concerning a director's liability for a failure by the company to obtain employer's liability insurance. Craig appeared for the successful pursuer at debate, and with senior counsel in the Inner House and Supreme Court.

MacDonald v. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar [2015] CSOH 132: A claim against a local authority in respect of street lighting.

Ryder v. Highland Council [2013] CSOH 95: Successful defence of a fatal personal injuries claim concerning the justiciability of a roads authority gritting policy.

Cairns v. Northern Lighthouse Board [2013] CSOH 22: Defending a personal injury claim arising from a maritime accident.