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LLM in Commercial Law (Distinction),
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Craig has a busy defender personal injury practice in the Court of Session, representing insurers and local authorities. A substantial part of his practice is in defending fraudulent claims at all levels, in particular employers' liability cases and road traffic claims.

Craig also represents claimants in medical and dental negligence claims.

Craig has been instructed in a number of complex product liability cases, including pharmaceutical cases (Vioxx and Celebrex) and medical products (mesh surgical implants and PIP silicone implants).

Craig has substantial experience in property damage claims and other aspects of reparation.

Craig occasionally acts in public law and human rights cases, including judicial review, mental health appeals and immigration.

Craig has previously been a tutor on the Diploma in Regulatory Occupational Health & Safety at the University of Warwick and on the Civil Court Practice course at the University of Edinburgh.

Craig was appointed as an Advocate Depute *ad hoc* in July 2015. He is a member of the Children's Panel for the Scottish Borders.

Recent cases

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

Till v. Tayside Public Transport [2017] CSOH 7, the successful defence of a claim by a pedestrian injured in a collision with a bus.

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.

Bridges v. Alpha Insurance (Lord Tyre and a Jury, May 2016), a successful defence of a personal injuries claim by a pedestrian struck by a car. Liability was established by majority, but with an 85% finding of contributory negligence.

Michael MacDonald v. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar [2015] CSOH 132, Craig successfully defended a personal injuries action against a local authority in respect of street lighting.

James Lochrie, Fatal Accident Inquiry, Sheriff JK Mitchell, Glasgow Sheriff Court, 20 November 2015. Concerning vasovagal episode by bus driver, resulting in fatal collision with pedestrian.

City of Edinburgh Council v. MS 2015SCEDIN20, application by local authority for Forced Marriage Protection Order. Craig represented the successful protected person opposing the application.

Nolan v. Advance Construction [2014] CSOH 4, a land contamination case in the Commercial Court, with senior counsel.

Ryder v. Highland Council [2013] CSOH 95, Craig successfully defended a claim for damages in a fatal case concerning a roads authority gritting policy.

Cairns v. Northern Lighthouse Board [2013] CSOH 22, a case involving construction of the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997.

Brown v. Lakeland Ltd 2012 Rep LR 140, an Occupiers' Liability case in which the defenders were successful.

Smith v. James Strang Ltd 2013 Rep LR 19, a PUWER case in which the pursuer failed to beat the tender.

A v. A 2013 SLT 355, an appeal to the Inner House of a decision on contact in a Sheriff Court action. Craig represented the successful respondent at proof and on appeal.

McWilliams v. McDonalds Restaurants (Sheriff Mackenzie, unreported, 31st January 2013), an Occupier's Liability case in which the defenders were successful.

McDonald v. Zurich Insurance Co (UK) Ltd [2012] CSOH 65, in which the defenders obtained modification of expenses to the Sheriff Court scale in a Court of Session action.

McInnes v. Norwich Union Insurance Limited and others [2012] CSOH 6, a proof on apportionment of damages between two defenders in a catastrophic road traffic accident (with Senior Counsel).

Continental Tyre Group Ltd v. Robertson 2011 GWD 14-321 (Sheriff Principal Bowen QC), interdict against making of defamatory statements concerning a product.