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Practice

David was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 2018. Prior to admission, David spent 8 years in practice as a solicitor, rising to Senior Associate with a Glasgow litigation firm.

David's practice focuses on crime, fatal accident and public inquiries, firearms licensing, road traffic prosecutions and road transport licensing. He also has experience of commercial disputes, insolvency, medical and professional negligence and personal injury.

David has appeared in Fatal Accident Inquiries, proofs and trials in the High Court and Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland. David also has experience in conviction and sentence appeals, both acting alone or with a leader.

David has appeared before local authority licensing boards and the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland in several public inquiries relating to HGV and PSV operator licences as well as driver conduct hearings.

David is a tutor in civil litigation at the University of Edinburgh and a member of the Faculty of Advocates' human rights sub-committee.

Representative Cases (as Counsel)

Junior Counsel for Dr Lucy Thomas, fiancée of the late Capt. David Traill, in the Clutha Fatal Accident Inquiry

Junior Counsel for the Petitioner in a judicial review application by a police officer against the Scottish Police Authority, reported as *BD, Petitioner [2019] CSOH 53*

Representative Cases (as Solicitor)

Acting as the instructing agent in an action for wrongful arrest raised by a police officer against her employer - *Gwen Lowden v Chief Constable of Police Scotland* 2014 SLT (Sh Ct) 9

Acting as the instructing agent in several solemn criminal prosecutions for 'on duty' actions of police officers resulting in acquittals.

Initially acting as the agent at trial and then as instructing agent in a successful High Court appeal which was subsequently reported - *M v Harvie* 2015 G.W.D. 6-119

Regularly representing police officers and prison officers in summary criminal trials.

Appearing before the Traffic Commissioner representing PCV and HGV operators in public inquiries throughout Scotland.

Appearing at licensing boards across Scotland in applications to review licences under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 and Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Representing members of the Scottish Police Federation and Prison Officers Association (Scotland) in several Fatal Accident Inquiries, including:

FAI relating to the death of Colin Penrose [2017] FAI 23

FAI relating to the deaths of Stuart James Rose and James Bell, January 2014

FAI relating to the death of Andrew Findlay Harvey Aitken [2011] FAI 54

His main areas of practice are -

- Reparation
- Personal Injury
- Regulatory Crime
- Health and Safety Prosecutions
- Professional Negligence
- Clinical Negligence
- FAIs and Public Inquiries
- Regulatory Crime
- Environmental Prosecutions
- Corporate Financial Prosecutions
- Professional Discipline
- Public Law
- Contract and Commercial Litigation