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Profile

David called to the Bar in 2005 after spending 14 years as a criminal defence solicitor. He has a well established Reglatory Crime practice with particular experience of cases invovling fatal road traffic accidents.

David was a full time Advocate Depute from 2011-2015 including spending two years in the National Sex Crimes Unit in Crown Office. He regularly sits as a Legal Chair on the Parole Board.

Representative Cases

2021: HMA v GD – Lorry driver charged with causing death by careless driving. Acquitted after trial in the Sheriff Court.

2021: HMA v JC – Lorry driver charged with causing death by careless driving. Acquitted after trial in the Sheriff Court.

2020: HMA v PMCC – defended school pupil accused charged with serious sexual offences. Acquitted after trial in the High Court.

2020: HMA v DG – defended accused charged with multiple sexual offences in the High Court.

2019: Children's Reporter v AM – Sheriff Court referral in which instructed to act for a school pupil charged with rape. Grounds not established after proof at the Sheriff Court.

2019: HMA v WM – driver charged with causing death by careless driving. Acquitted after trial in the Sheriff Court.

2019: PF v JB – driver charged with dangerous driving causing serious injury. Acquitted after trial in the Sheriff Court.

2016: HMA v PC (and others) – junior counsel instructed in the defence of a London accountant charged with fraud as part of the "Rangers case".

2011: HMA v JW – defended Hearts fan charged with assault and breach of the peace involving Celtic manager in course of Premier League match.

2010: HMA v TS and others – part of Crown team prosecuting high profile perjury trial in the High Court.

2007: HMA v KA – defended a publisher/bookkeeper charged with £650,000 fraud. Acquitted after a 3 week trial in the Sheriff Court.

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