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Practice

Prior to calling to the bar Elaine was a solicitor in private practice for over 20 years. She has wide experience across the spectrum of complex Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence work. This includes serious injury and fatal road traffic, aviation accidents, employers' liability, occupiers' and public liability, industrial disease work and medical product litigation.

Elaine has extensive experience in both the Sheriff Courts and Court of Session. Elaine held senior litigator status with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers, was a Personal Injury Accredited Specialist with the Law Society and was the Scottish coordinator for the Motor Accident Solicitors Society.

During her time in private practice Elaine was described by Chambers UK as '*an accomplished solicitor who sees problems before they appear; very astute, experienced and extremely professional*.'

Her main areas of experience are:

Reparation
Personal Injury
Clinical Negligence
Professional Negligence
FAIs and Public Inquiries
Insurance Law
Health and Safety Prosecutions
Regulatory Crime
Property Damage
Arbitration
Environmental prosecutions
Contract and Commercial Litigation

Representative Cases

Gallacher & Ors v SC Cheadle Hulme Ltd & Ors- [2014] CSOH 103
As a Solicitor, Court of Session action for multiple pursuers family member of deceased who died of mesothelioma. Highest reported awards in terms of section 4(3)(b) of Damages (Scotland) Act 2011 for bereavement awards for loss of society.

Young v Advocate General for Scotland and Dicketts v Advocate General for Scotland- 2011 SLT (News) 38
As a Solicitor, Civil jury trial for family members of young men killed in Nimrod Afghanistan aircrash. Legal case was based on systemic breach of military covenant. The *Young* case was the first reported bereavement award made to a deceased's sibling.

Qualifications

1994: MA (Hons) in English, University of Aberdeen
1996: Bachelor of Law, University of Aberdeen
1997: Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Aberdeen
1999: Qualified as a solicitor with Miller Samuel, Glasgow
2003: Associate then Partner of Golds Solicitors, Glasgow
2007: Partner of merged firm of Irwin Mitchell (Scotland) LLP
2016: Partner of Harper Macleod LLP
2019: Consultant of Thorntons LLP
2018 - present: Tutor in Civil Litigation, University of Glasgow

Practice related positions

2013- 2016: Coordinator and Chairperson for Scotland of Motor Accident Solicitors Society

2012- 2018: Personal Injury Accredited Specialist with Law Society of Scotland

2008- 2018: Senior Litigator with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers