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Profile

Jennifer called to the Bar in 2026 with a mixed commercial and criminal background. She has an in-depth knowledge of criminal and corporate law and has a particular interest in white-collar and financial crime, and regulatory crime.

As a procurator fiscal depute Jennifer worked across the summary, sheriff & jury and domestic abuse units. She was responsible for prosecuting a broad range of offences, including financial crime and cases falling under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. She has conducted confiscation hearings and the full array sheriff court criminal procedural hearings.

She has extensive experience of prosecuting statutory offences including cases falling under the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006, Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 and Road Traffic Act 1988. She has routinely dealt with cases which engage the ECHR, including protester cases, and the UNCRC. Jennifer further gained experience of the criminal appeals process in providing written responses to defence appeals and in referring her own cases for Crown appeal and advocation.

In commercial practice Jennifer advised corporate clients across a vast array of sectors including retail, maritime, healthcare and renewables. As a trainee solicitor she undertook a six-month secondment with Forestry Commission Scotland across the property and renewable energy teams where she completed an accredited course on the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015.

She came to the Bar with extensive courtroom experience and during devilling gained exposure to personal injury and to complex clinical negligence work. She also gained experience of fatal accident inquiries, including the Park Inn FAI.