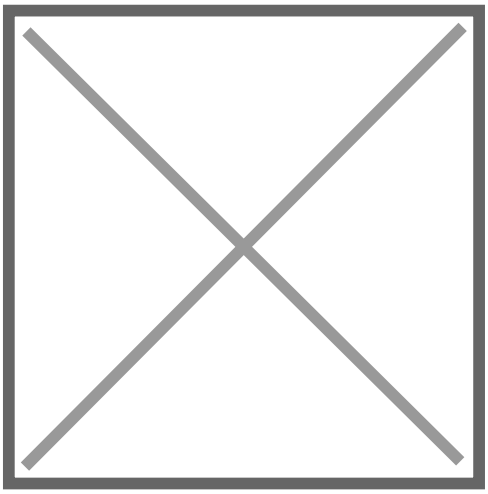
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Profile

Mairi-Clare called to the Bar in 2024 and practises in criminal law, public inquiries and regulatory proceedings. She is also developing a practice in personal injury and clinical negligence.

Prior to calling to the Bar, she spent seven years with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, latterly as a Senior Procurator Fiscal Depute.

Since calling, Mairi-Clare has been instructed in a range of criminal cases in the Sheriff Court and High Court of Justiciary, appearing in both first-instance and appellate proceedings.

Mairi-Clare is currently instructed as Junior Counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (Phase 9). She has also acted on behalf of the General Medical Council in fitness to practise proceedings.

She has a particular interest in public inquiries and Fatal Accident Inquiries, and is known for her thorough preparation, analytical approach and effective handling of sensitive evidence and witnesses.

Representative Cases

Criminal

Dionne Christie v HM Advocate [2024] HCJAC 52 – Successful appeal under section 74(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, challenging the admissibility of expert evidence.

Brandon McLachlan v HM Advocate [2026] HCJAC 14 – Appeal against sentence. Examining the applicability of the Sentencing Young People Guideline in a murder case.

YZ v HM Advocate [2026] HCJAC 12 – Appeal against conviction. Remit from the UK Supreme Court concerning non-disclosure by the Crown.

Public Inquiries

Currently appointed as Junior Counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry for Phase 9 examining the provision of residential care in establishments for children and young people with long-term healthcare needs, additional support needs and disabilities

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