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Practice

Ranald was a solicitor in private practice for more than twenty years before coming to the Bar. As a solicitor, his practice included complex personal injury and other reparation work, as well as work in the field of public law including judicial review.

Ranald became a solicitor advocate in 2004. He exercised his rights of audience regularly, appearing both in the Outer and Inner House of the Court of Session in a wide range of cases.

Ranald has represented clients in a number of high profile fatal accident and other public inquiries, including the Fingerprint Inquiry (2011) and the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (2017 onwards).

Ranald also acted since 2010 for the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland, presenting complaints raised against Councillors to the Standards Commission.

Ranald contributed to the 3rd edition of Delict: A Comprehensive Guide to the Law in Scotland.

Representative Cases

Rankin v Jack
2010 SC 642
A reclaiming motion in a personal injury case, considering the question whether additional evidence could be led on appeal (Inner House decision on the substance of the reclaiming motion 2011 CSIH 64)

Johnstone v Amec
2011 SCLR 178
An appeal to the Court of Session in a personal injury case brought under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998

Lutton v General Dental Council
[2011] CSIH 62
A reclaiming motion in a judicial review concerning the regulatory scheme for dentists' professional conduct, challenging the finding of the GDC (Outer House decision reported 2011 SLT 671)

Lyons v Chief Constable
2012 Rep LR 108
A debate in an action for declarator and interdict against the police concerning police tactics in relation to organised crime

Ruddy v Chief Constable
2014 SC 58
An appeal in a human rights case concerning the right to an effective investigation under ECHR following an allegation of assault made against police officers

Jollie v Lennie
[2014] CSOH 45
A proof in an action of proving the tenor relating to a will

Robinson v Scottish Borders Council
2016 SLT 435
A proof in a personal injury claim against a Council as roads authority

Sutherland v Lord Advocate
2017 SLT 333
A judicial review on behalf of a doctor following a fatal accident inquiry, challenging the determination made under section 6 of the 1976 Act

Huntaven Properties Ltd v Hunter Construction
[2017] CSOH 57
A proof in a commercial action for professional negligence arising from a construction contract, dealing in particular with prescription

Dewar v Scottish Borders Council
[2017] CSOH 68
A proof in a personal injury action against a local authority for alleged failure to maintain the road

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