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Practice

Richard Henderson has a varied civil practice with a focus on personal injury and clinical negligence. He represents a range of clients including individual litigants, insurance companies and public organisations.

He is experienced in a wide range of employers' liability cases, with a long-standing interest in occupational diseases claims, having represented pursuers and defenders in that area. Other example subject-matters have included defective equipment and historical abuse.

Richard acts mainly for pursuers but has also represented defenders in medical negligence disputes involving healthcare professionals.

Richard has increasingly been instructed in high value and complex claims. He has experience dealing with catastrophic injury claims.

Richard has an interest in professional discipline and regulatory law. In 2008 he was a Legal Adviser with the Scottish Social Services Council, advising on conduct rules/procedure. In 2017 Richard completed the Regulatory Law and Practice course at Aberdeen University.

From 2024 to 2025 Richard was a Legally Qualified Chair with the Scottish Social Services Council chairing panels adjudicating on whether workers' fitness to practice is impaired.

Richard has taught for several years on personal injury and other matters at Edinburgh University. He has spoken regularly on varied topics at external conferences and seminars.

Richard is currently an Advocate Depute in Crown Office.

Lectures and seminars

Since 1998 Richard has spoken at and chaired conferences and seminars with external providers including Central Law Training, the Law Society of Scotland and the WS Society. Recent topics include: “Simplified Personal Injuries Procedure in the Sheriff Court,” “Fatal Claims and Jury Awards,” “Clinical Negligence - Scrutiny of Clinical Practice” and “Occupational Stress.” For three years Richard tutored on the WS Society’s PCC Civil Litigation Elective and Core courses.

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