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Practice

Robin came to the Bar as an experienced solicitor of 8 years, having trained with Morton Fraser and latterly having been an Associate in Dundas and Wilson's Insurance Litigation Department where he acted on behalf of a number of high profile insurers. His principal fields of practice include:-

- Personal Injury
- Medical Negligence
- Valuation for Rating

Robin specialises in Personal Injury litigation and represents Pursuers and Defenders equally, where he regularly receives instructions from many of the leading firms in this area. As well as acting for insurers, Robin also regularly receives instructions from local authorities and Health Boards in defender reparation claims.

Robin also specialises in Medical Negligence claims with a particular emphasis on complex Court of Session claims. He acts for both pursuers and defenders in these claims.

Robin is rated in both Chambers and Legal 500 for both Personal Injury and Medical Negligence.

He also has a specialist interest and expertise in valuation for rating law and has appeared for both assessors and ratepayers. He also has experience in other areas of civil litigation, including fatal accident inquiries, professional negligence claims, property and contract disputes. He has also appeared as an ad hoc Advocate Depute in the Sentence Appeal Court in the High Court.

Representative cases

Reparation

Hamilton v Lanarkshire Health Board 2020 [CSOH] 24

Dehenes v T Bourne & Son 2019 SLT (ShCt) 219

Burnett v International Insurance Group of Hanover 2018 SLT 472; 2019 SC 379

Byres v Moore 2018 SLT (ShCt) 301

Gajdamowicz v First Glasgow 2017 GWD 24-411

Hylands v Glasgow City Council 2008 SLT 988

Emerson v Edrington Group Limited 2009 SLT 681

Other

Assessor for Lothian v Holland 2010 SC 243

Wincanton Plc v Assessor for Lanarkshire Joint Valuation Board [2012] CSIH 50

Professional Memberships

Member of the Advocates' Personal Injury Law Group

Lectures and Seminars

Since coming to the Bar, Robin has delivered many seminars, all on personal injury matters, to solicitors. He has regularly spoken at Compass Chambers conferences, Central Law Training and Legal Services Agency events and has also spoken at APIL events. He has also run Professional Competence Course workshops run by the Legal Practice Unit at the University of Edinburgh.

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