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## Profile

Ross called to the Bar in 2026, having practised in reparation for 8 years.

Ross worked in Anderson Strathern's litigation department before joining Clyde & Co, working in their catastrophic injuries and large loss team. In 2022, he was granted extended rights of audience as a Solicitor Advocate. He has appeared on several occasions in both the Court of Session and the Sheriff Courts.

Ross has significant experience of handling high valued and complex personal injuries actions, predominantly arising out of road traffic accidents, workplace accidents, and accidents on occupied premises. He has typically handled claims involving fatalities and catastrophic injuries. He has also represented the Scottish Ministers interests on several occasions at Fatal Accident Inquiries.

In private practice, Ross acted predominantly for insurers, self-insured organisations, executive agencies of the Scottish Government, and statutory corporations. During devilling, Ross gained significant experience of pursuing a wide variety of personal injuries actions and medical negligence actions. This experience enables Ross to act for both pursuer and defender clients.

## Representative Cases

*Jenna Sharp v The Scottish Ministers 2019 SC EDIN 92*
The pursuer slipped on ice in the defender's prison car park. Following a commission, 6 further days of evidence, and a day of submissions, the court granted decree of absolvitor. At an opposed motion hearing on expenses, Court awarded an additional fee of 30% to the defenders.

*FAI into the death of Robert William Nobbs [2019] FAI 24*
The deceased died by suicide while being held on remand at HMP Low Moss. Following five days of evidence, the Court found that there had been a defect in a system of working (namely the prison's inability to provide the deceased with a daily regime), and that this defect contributed to the death. However, the Sheriff did not make any formal recommendations.

*FAI into the death of Mark Allan [2020] FAI 8*
The deceased died as a result of a drugs overdose while in custody at HMP Perth. Having been satisfied that the SPS had done all that they reasonably could to prevent the misuse of drugs in prison, the Sheriff found that there were no precautions which could reasonably have been taken to prevent the death.

*Gavin Prior v Forth Boat Tours 2021 SC EDIN 19*
The pursuer suffered a hand injury in the course of his employment as a barman with the defender. Following a 3-day proof, the court granted decree of absolvitor with expenses.

*Alexander Gemmell v The Scottish Ministers 2022 SC GLW 16*
The pursuer suffered a knee injury while relocating and restraining a prisoner at HMP Barlinnie. Following a 10-day proof at Glasgow Sheriff Court, the court granted decree of absolvitor. At an opposed motion hearing on expenses, the Court awarded the defender an additional fee of 80%.

*Jacqueline Napier v Axa Insurance 2023 SC EDIN 20*
At an opposed motion hearing on expenses, the Court modified the pursuer's entitlement to expenses by 50% as a result of the pursuer's failure to adhere to critical stages of the compulsory pre-action protocol.

*NM v TO and AO 2025 SC EDIN 39*
The pursuer raised proceedings against her landlords after her two young children were scalded in a bath. After a 6-day proof, and a day of submissions, the court granted decree of absolvitor. The decision was upheld on an appeal to the Sheriff Appeal Court: (2025) SAC (Civ) 14.