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Practice

Steve has extensive experience in a wide range of civil litigation. He came to the Bar as a respected solicitor, having trained and worked at Simpson & Marwick in Edinburgh. His principal fields of practice include:-

- Reparation (particularly Personal Injury actions)
- Professional and Medical Negligence
- Insurance Litigation
- Commercial and Contract Litigation

Steve acts on behalf of both Pursuers and Defenders, appearing in the Court of Session (Inner House appeals and Outer House cases) and the Sheriff Court. Within his Personal Injury practice, Steve is instructed in a broad range of cases, including employers' liability, occupiers' liability, road traffic accidents, occupational stress, industrial diseases and fatal accident cases. He is experienced in the quantification and settlement of catastrophic claims.

Representative cases

Reparation

Catherine Green & Anor v Chief Constable, Lothian & Borders Police & Anor 2004 SCLR 301 - for Defender - successfully opposed motion for jury trial on grounds of complexity caused by overlap between claims of PTSD and loss of society.

Mrs Carol Dall or Cochrane v John Gaughan 2004 SCLR 1073 - for Defenders - Workplace (Health, Safety & Welfare) Regulations 1992 - Defenders assoilzied after proof

Angela Jones v MK Leslie Ltd [2004] Rep LR 136 - for Defenders - status of Statement of Valuation of Claim - successfully opposed motion for jury trial

William Anderson v Christian Salvesen [2006] CSOH 101 - for Pursuer - nervous shock and categories of victim - successfully resisted Defenders' motion for a debate

Amy Whitehead's Legal Representative v Graeme John Douglas [2006] CSOH 178 - for Pursuer - successfully opposed attempt by Defenders to recover precognitions referred to by expert witness

Marc MacDonald v Christopher Mallan [2008] CSOH 01 - for Defenders - successfully opposed motion for jury trial on grounds of complexity arising out of application of Ogden Tables

Jacek Swilas v Clyde Pumps Ltd 2011 GWD 34-714 - for Pursuer - successful appeal on the interpretation of "work equipment" in terms of the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regs 1998 and
"suitably constructed" in terms of the Workplace (Health Safety & Welfare) Regs 1992.

Lectures and seminars

Steve is involved with the Faculty of Advocates' Devils training course on interim damages/summary decree motions.