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Qualifications:	2006 - Accredited Mediator 1986 - LL.B (Aberdeen) 1987 - Dip.LP (Aberdeen)

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Practice

Steve specialises and is highly experienced in personal injury litigation and regulatory matters. He called to the Bar in 2001 and took silk in 2016.

His principal fields of practice include: -

• Personal Injury

• Fatal Accident and Public Inquiries

• Professional Negligence

• Health and Safety, Environmental and Road Traffic Prosecutions

As part of his Personal Injury practice in which he acts for both pursuers and defenders, Steve has considerable experience in dealing with high value claims arising out of clinical negligence, employment, industrial injury and disease, road traffic accidents (particularly those involving motorcycles), claims against the Motor Insurers Bureau, claims arising from accidents involving aircraft and claims arising out of childhood abuse. He is highly experienced in catastrophic injury and clinical negligence claims.

He has: advised and represented parties at Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries; advised and appeared for individuals and companies in relation to prosecutions under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Food Safety Act 1990 and related statutory regulations; advised and appeared for appellants in relation to improvement and prohibition notices served under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; and advised and appeared for the accused in prosecutions under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and other road traffic related provisions.

Steve is an instructor on the Faculty of Advocates' Foundation Course for new Advocates and is an accredited mediator. Since 2020 he has been a member of Scottish Gymnastics Conduct in Sport Panel.

Representative (reported) cases

Reparation

Richard Holdich v Lothian Health Board [2013] CSOH 197 - case involved the novel question of whether property rights existed in connection with a sperm sample

Drummond Cox v Dundee City Council [2014] CSOK 3 – issue of whether duty of care breached when holding a training exercise on a training pitch affected by snow and ice

Marilyn Stuart & Others v Amanda Reid & Another [2014] CSOH 117A – quantum of damages payable to grandchildren under section 4(3)(b) of the Damages (Scotland) Act 2011

Adam Wagner v ARLA Foods plc & Another [2015] CSOH 51 and [2016] CSIH 34 – appeal from Lord ordinary relating to an accident involving a motorcyclist and issues of liability and contributory negligence

Adam Russell v NFU [2014] CSOH 157 – motorcycle accident when a vehicle towing a trailer reversed from a field onto a main A road

Lesley Jackson v Andrew Murray & Another 2015 SC (UKSC) 105 – appeal to the Supreme Court in relation to the assessment of contributory negligence in a "dashing out" case

David Robinson v Scottish Borders Council [2016] CSOH 47 – cyclist injured when he fell from his bicycle as a result of unexpected metalwork in the carriageway of an A road – issue of whether defect presented a foreseeable danger to cyclists and whether the local authority ought to have identified it on a reasonable inspection

Peter Dewar v Scottish Borders Council [2017] CSOH 68 – whether defect in a road was, on balance, the cause of the pursuer's loss of control over his motorcycle and whether the local authority ought to have identified the defect and repaired before the accident

Mark Gordon v AD Walker Limited - CSOH October 2018 (unreported) - whether the pursuer sustained serious personal injuries in an accident at work and in the circumstances which he offered to prove

Morag McKenzie & Ors v Asda Group Limited & Another - [2018] CSOH 102 - whether and to what extent drivers were responsible for a collision between a delivery vehicle and a tanker carrying aviation fuel

Fairley & Lowdean v The City of Edinburgh Council & Others - [2019] CSOH 50 - whether the tramlines in Edinburgh presented a foreseeable danger to cyclists exercising reasonable care

FAI/Public Inquiry

Death of Basilio Brazao – Stirling June 2014 – representing manufacturer of fall arrest equipment in connection with a death arising in the course of employment and while using fall arrest equipment

Death of Margaret Gilchrist – Glasgow March 2016 – representing the interests of a local authority in connection with the death in a bath while being cared for at home

Death of Mark Burry – Dundee November 2017 – representing interested party following a death arising in the course of employment when heavy, steel pipes fell from an A frame

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry - Edinburgh 2018 to 2020 - representing the interests of a Core Participant in connection with the Residential Care and Migrant case studies.

Scottish Hospitals Inquiry – Edinburgh 2021 to date – representing over 60 Core Participants (patients and families of patients)

Regulatory

HMA v James Hodge – Oban March 2015 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

HMA v Veronica Mackenzie – Oban May 2015 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

HMA v Morris & Spottiswood – Glasgow June 2015 – represented interests of company charged on indictment under and in terms of sections 3(1) and 33(1) HSWA

HMA v Christopher Huntington – Aberdeen July 2015 – representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

HMA v J & J Currie Limited - Ayr June 2016 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of sections 3(1) and 33(1) HSWA

HMA v Nicky Coll - Glasgow August 2016 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

HMA v Gordon Stewart - Aberdeen March 2017 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

PF (Glasgow) v Alan Graham - Glasgow April 2017 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

PF (Lanark) v Barry Green - Lanark June 2017 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

HMA v Dow Waste Management Limited & Others - May 2018 - representing accused in prosecution under Environmental Protection Act 1990

PF v E.On & Another - August 2018 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of sections 3(1) and 33(1) HSWA

South Lanarkshire Council v Errington Cheese Limited - Lanark 2018 - representing the relevant food authority in lengthy Summary Applications procedure brought under the Food Safety Act 1990 and the Food Hygiene (Scotland) Regulations 2006

Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry - Edinburgh 2018 to 2020 - representing Core Participant in Case Studies 3 and 4

Scottish Hospitals Inquiry – Edinburgh 2021 to date – representing over 60 Core Participants (patients and families of patients)

Other

Toby Croft & Others v CHC Scotia Limited – Mediation Edinburgh December 2015 - mediation arising out of the crash landing of a Super Puma helicopter in the sea off Shetland

Experience

1989-94 - Assistant Solicitor Simpson & Marwick, WS, Edinburgh

1994-97 - Partner Simpson & Marwick, WS, Edinburgh

1997-99 - Partner Ledingham Chalmers, Solicitors, Edinburgh

1999-2000 - Legal Adviser/Consultant John Wood Group plc and The Anderson Partnership, Solicitors, Glasgow

Professional Memberships

Member of the Faculty of Advocates Personal Injury Law Group

Member of Scottish Gymnastics Conduct in Sport Panel

Member of the Health and Safety Lawyers Association

Lectures and seminars

Steve has spoken at a number of events organised by Central Law Training, the Scottish Young Lawyers Association and Compass Chambers.

What the directories say

Chambers UK 2022 – Ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury: *'His advice is detailed but down to earth and he's commercially aware. He has a very good manner with clients." "He is completely straightforward to deal with, is a very good negotiator and always reads every last paper in the file.'*

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Legal 500 2022 – Ranked for “Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence”, Leading Silk: ‘*His in-depth knowledge of law and procedure is very reassuring and is a great asset, during the course of a complex litigation.’*

Interests

All Sport; Hillwalking; Fishing; Motorcycles; Cooking; Wine

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