Compass Chambers



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Practice

Yvonne specialises in reparation and represents both defenders and pursuers in the Court of Session and Sheriff Courts. She has vast experience in all areas of personal injury litigation including industrial disease, employers' liability, road traffic accidents, catastrophic injury and fatal cases. Yvonne is experienced in dealing with cases arising from the oil and gas, construction and insurance sectors.

Yvonne has particular experience of clinical negligence cases where she is regularly instructed in cases relating to birth injuries, delayed diagnosis and many others.

Yvonne is an Ad-Hoc Advocate Depute and is a Standing Junior Counsel to the Advocate General.

Representative Cases

Jennifer McCulloch & Others v. Forth Valley Health Board [2020] CSOH 40
Junior counsel in eight day proof dealing with cardiological negligence in a fatal claim.

Vincent Friel v. Dr Brown [2020] CSIH 7
Junior counsel in reclaiming motion on the effect of section 10 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provision)(Scotland) Act 1968 and abuse of process on Scotland.

Elizabeth Smith v. Edinburgh City Council Jury Award 17 May 2019
Counsel for defenders in only the second civil jury in ASPIC.

John Doherty & Others v. Dr Malone & Others April 2017
Junior counsel in medical negligence dealing with complex issues of causation in a haematological cancer case. Case successful settled after 4 days of evidence.

Emma Stalker v. Greater Glasgow Health Board [2013] CSOH 194
Four day proof relating to case under section 5 and 12 (1) of the Workplace (Health, safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.

Stephen McKeown v. Inverclyde Council [2013] CSOH 141
Eight day proof relating to case under section 12 (3) of the Workplace (Health, safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.

Catherine McGee & Others v. RJK Building Services Limited [2013] CSOH 10
Junior counsel for defenders. The first judicial award made in a fatal case following on the appeal decision in Hamilton v Ferguson Transport (Spean Bridge) Ltd.

Moira Brown v. Lakeland Plastic [2012] CSOH 105
Proof based on breaches of the Occupier's Liability (Scotland) Act 1969.

Eric Robinson v. Midlothian Council 2009 GWD 27
Junior counsel in first proof relating to a teacher claiming noise induced hearing loss from his employment.

Brian Welsh v. Dr Malcom Morrison 2008
Junior counsel in clinical negligence action relating to the consequences for a professional football player of an allegedly negligent injection into his achilles tendon. Successfully settled after 4 days of evidence

Patricia Welsh v. Neil Brady [2008] CSOH 45
Junior counsel in proof relating to injury caused by alleged breach of the Animal (Scotland) Act.

Lectures and seminars

Yvonne regularly provides talks for instructing solicitors, professional bodies and at Compass Chambers Conferences.

What the Directories Say

Chambers UK 2020 - Ranked for Clinical Negligence - "She is brilliant with clients and very well organised." "She has a great ability to explain things clearly to quite vulnerable clients in understandable terms."