

# DREW MCKENZIE

## YEAR OF CALL

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1992

## EDUCATION

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University of Dundee

- MA Economics
- LLB
- Diploma in Legal Practice

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Solicitor in private practice for six years
- Member of Faculty of Advocates 1992 to date, and from 2000 – 2003 full time Advocate Depute

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Criminal Law, Drugs, Sex Offences, Firearms, Fatal Accident Inquiries, Health & Safety Prosecutions, Environmental Law, Waste & Pollution Management, Human Rights and Devolution Issues, Licensing (Liquor and General), Judicial Review, Reparation inc medical negligence

## COURTS/TRIBUNAL EXPERIENCE

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Appeared in the High Court of Justiciary (both prosecution and defence), Appeal Court, Sheriff Court, Inner House and Outer House

## SELECTED CASES

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- HMA v Pollock – defence of an accused charged with culpable homicide by supplying diazepam and injecting deceased with diamorphine. Complex issues of causation as a result of a cocktail of drugs taken by the deceased.
- HMA v Hussain – three accused men who were a cousin and brother of the accused were charged with historical sexual offences, including rape and sodomy of other family members.
- HMA v Dick - two accused were charged with conspiracy to commit murder, the conspiracy being said to have occurred in Scotland and Sweden.
- HMA v Strachan and Others – 7 accused child pornography case involving downloading and distribution of vast numbers of indecent images of children and conspiracy to commit a variety of sexual crimes against children.
- Children’s referral – arising out of the alleged rape by the father of the household of a 13 year old girl who was a close friend of his own daughter.
- PF Glasgow v Glasgow Royal Infirmary - Appeared for the Hospital in a Health & Safety prosecution involving the illegal disposal of clinical waste.
- Appeared in a Fatal Accident Inquiry for the Southern General Hospital following the death of a child during delivery.
- Prosecuted and defended numerous cases under S.1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- Greater Glasgow Health Board v W – Appearing for a Health Board who sought to have a person who was suffering from Tuberculosis compulsorily detained.

## APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

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- Appointed a Temporary Sheriff (1999)
- Appointed Advocate Depute (Jan 2000 – June 2003)
- Continue to appear for the Crown as an Ad Hoc Advocate Depute
- Previously Director of Black Stable and Director of Faculty Services Ltd (2007 – 2009)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Prior to entering Crown Office as a full time Advocate Depute in January 2000 Drew McKenzie was largely engaged in defenders reparation work but had also appeared as Junior Counsel in two large and long running fraud cases. After completing his tenure in Crown Office he joined Black Chambers in order to practice crime on a more regular basis. He appears regularly in the High Court as Junior alone or as a Senior Junior and also in difficult cases in the Sheriff Court. He continues to enjoy and thus take instructions in many areas of civil work.