

DERICK NELSON

YEAR OF CALL

1999

EDUCATION

1979-1983 University of Strathclyde
LLB & Dip LP

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1983 to 1986 Ross Harper & Murphy, Glasgow
Court solicitor

1986 to 1989 Nelson & Gibb, High Blantyre
Founding partner and court solicitor

1990 to 1996 Nelsons, Solicitors, Falkirk
Founding partner and court solicitor

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Criminal Law

Fatal Accident Enquiries

COURTS/TRIBUNAL EXPERIENCE

14 years as a court solicitor in private practice, involved in both criminal and civil work.

As counsel, have appeared in most courts, including the Judicial Committee, being involved in both first instance and appeal court practice.

Between 2007 and 2010, prosecuting in the High Court of Justiciary as Advocate Depute

SELECTED CASES

Hoekstra and others v HMA – long- running appeal involving many novel areas of law, including some of the earliest examples of challenges under ECHR legislation

HMA v Trevor Muirhead (the “Neil Lennon letter-bomb trial”).

HMA v Philip Wade (trial involving the murder of missing businesswoman Linda Spence)

HMA v Ronnie Coulter (murder trial over the death of Surjit Singh Chhokar)

HMA v Adam Carruthers (5-week trial, along with junior counsel, on an indictment extending to 35 charges, including 9 allegations of rape).

APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

2007 to 2010 – Advocate Depute

2010 to date- *ad hoc* Advocate Depute

2008 and 2009 - FACBA committee member and representative on Faculty Council
