

# MATT JACKSON QC

## YEAR OF CALL AND SILK

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## EDUCATION

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1983 - 1988

- LLB (Hons) and Dip LP
- Certificate in Regulatory Law, Aberdeen University 2018

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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1992 – 1999

- Practised as Criminal Defence solicitor

1988 – 1992

- Legal apprenticeship and practice in substantial commercial law firm

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- General Criminal Law, including murder and sexual offending
- Proceeds of Crime and Asset Recovery
- Regulatory Crime/Health & Safety
- Professional Disciplinary Proceedings
- Childrens' Panel Proceedings
- Fatal Accident Inquiries

I was instructed as junior counsel to Edgar Prais QC in the World's End murder trial (*HMA v Angus Sinclair*) in 2007 where the accused was acquitted of two murders dating from 1977. In the course of my three year involvement in that case I developed an interest and ongoing expertise in the use of DNA in criminal prosecutions. I have also been involved in a number of *shaken baby* cases.

While I have considerable experience in the field of criminal law generally an earlier background in corporate law has provided me with experience specifically in financial investigation including:

- Prosecutions relating to allegations of VAT fraud, and related excise duties evasion

- Investigatory proceedings relating to trademark abuses
- Confiscation proceedings
- All aspects of asset recovery investigations, involving close relations with Crown Office's Financial Crime Unit.

I have also been instructed regularly in relation to all aspects of regulatory crime including:

- Prosecutions brought under Trading Standards legislation
- Prosecutions brought under Road Traffic legislation, and in particular contraventions of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

#### Professional Disciplinary Proceedings

I am developing a significant practice in this area and have represented individuals before a number of disciplinary bodies including sports and academic disciplinary tribunals. I also sat as a Board Member of the Scottish Professional Rugby Players Association.

#### Fatal Accident Inquiries

I have experience of appearing in a number of Inquiries, including those related to Road Traffic Accidents and deaths in police custody. I have acted variously for institutions, Government bodies as well as families. In 2012 I acted for the Board of Governors of the Residential Unit from which two young people absconded and subsequently died. In 2017 I acted for Glasgow City Council in a death that occurred in a domestic environment. In 2018/19 I acted for the next of kin of Allan Marshall, a prisoner in Saughton Prison who died following restraint. I have also successfully persuaded the Lord Advocate to desist from continuing with an Inquiry when acting for a city council.

### COURTS/TRIBUNAL EXPERIENCE

Experience in all courts in Scotland including District Courts, Sheriff and High Court. Experience in Court of Appeal and employed as Ad Hoc AD prosecuting in the High Court of Justiciary between 2006 and 2016.

### SELECTED CASES

- HMA v Angus Sinclair 2007 (World's End Murders)
- HMA-v-Alexander Ness 2005. A shaken baby case
- HMA(Elgin)-v-Kris Orton. A referral to the High Court of the longest indictment served in Scots legal history

- FAI into the deaths of Niamh Bysouth and Georgia Rowe 2012
- FAI into the death of Allan Marshall, a prisoner. 2019

#### APPOINTMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

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- Faculty of Advocates Criminal Bar Association
- Trainer, Faculty of Advocates Foundation Course
- Curator, Library of the Faculty of Advocates
- *Ad hoc* Member of the Board of the National Library of Scotland

#### PUBLICATIONS

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- Joint author of written submissions to Office of Fair Trading relative to the operation of the criminal aspects of the Enterprise Act 2002 in Scotland.
- Seminar for Continuing Professional Development Programme, *Preparation for High Court Trials*
- Scottish Contributor to *Justis, Prosecuting Sexual Offences*. 2019.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- I am involved in the training program for new entrants as an instructor and as junior counsel had numerous devils or trainee advocates. I have contributed written submissions to the Office of Fair Trading and am a contributor to Casecheck (an online legal journal).