



Drew McKenzie KC

Year of Call: 1992

Year of Silk: 2025

Drew graduated from the University of Dundee with an MA in Economics (2/1) and then went on to complete his law degree. After calling to the bar he combined both civil (mainly defenders reparation work) with first instance criminal work. Following a period as an Ad hoc Advocate Depute he became a full-time Advocate Depute. On leaving Crown Office Drew decided that he wished to be engaged in criminal work on a full-time basis. He has appeared regularly in the High Court as both junior alone and as leading junior. He has occasionally acted as an Ad hoc Advocate Depute.

Areas of Practice

Criminal Trials	Childrens' Referrals
Post conviction proceedings	Judicial Review
FAI & Public Inquiries	Road Traffic Violations
Health & Safety	Personal Injury

Selected Cases

His Majesty's Advocate v M (Glasgow HC 2023) – Leading counsel in a case where the accused was charged with two offences of rape. Subsequent to the Preliminary Hearing the first complainer had died and the crown sought to lead her evidence by way of a s.259 application. So far as the second complainer was concerned, again subsequent to the Preliminary Hearing, she had been convicted on indictment of making a false allegation of rape.

Her Majesty's Advocate v F (Livingston HC 2022) – Client was an 80 year old man charged with dangerous driving by knocking down a cyclist.

Her Majesty's Advocate v G (Livingston HC 2019) – Leading counsel in a case where the accused had already been convicted in England with serious sexual offending against family members and was subject to an IPP. He then faced an indictment in Scotland relating to further serious sexual offending against family members which both preceded and post dated the offences in England. A s.275 application was necessary and granted but that resulted in extensive discussion at trial about the provisions of s275A of the Act. Additionally post-conviction an issue arose as to whether the risk criteria for the imposition for an OLR could apply standing the existence of the IPP.

Her Majesty's Advocate v W (Edinburgh HC 2018) – Leading counsel where the accused was charged with offences under the Terrorism Act 2000.

Appointments and memberships

Formerly full time Advocate Depute and Temporary Sheriff