



Louis Bendle
Year of Call: 2024

Louis graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2020 with an LL.B (First Class) in Scots Law, and in 2021 with distinction on the Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice. He trained at a court-based firm in Edinburgh, qualifying as a solicitor in 2023. During his traineeship, Louis was regularly exposed to court work at all levels, including the UK Supreme Court.

Since calling to the Bar, Louis has built up a busy trials and appeals practice in a broad range of areas. He has conducted numerous solemn sentence appeals as junior counsel alone. Louis has also been instructed in a range of High Court trials, including murder and attempted murder, serious sexual offending, serious organised crime, drugs offences, and fraud.

He is available for instruction in all of Black Chambers' principal areas of expertise, as junior counsel acting alone, or as a junior to senior counsel.

Areas of Practice

Criminal Trials

Health and Safety

Post conviction proceedings

Childrens' Referrals

Extradition

FAI and Public Inquiries

Selected Cases

HM Advocate v DW [2024]: acquittal in 3-complainer rape and sexual assault trial (junior counsel to Lili Prais KC).

HM Advocate v JH [2024]: plea to murder (junior counsel to Michael Meehan KC).

HM Advocate v AF [2024]: historic sexual abuse of 5 complainers with libel spanning 40 years (junior counsel to Ian Duguid KC).

HM Advocate v ML [2024]: attempted murder of 4-month-old son (junior counsel to Michael Meehan KC).

HM Advocate v GA & Others [2024]: plea to concern in the supply of cocaine, aggravated by involvement in serious organised crime (junior counsel to Kenny Cloggie).

SB v HM Advocate [2024]: successful appeal against sentence for a breach of the peace during a protest at commercial premises in Glasgow.

HM Advocate v AH & Others [2025]: complex and high-value fraud trial which ran for 13 weeks, involving former NHS employees (junior counsel to Keith Stewart KC).

HM Advocate v DP [2025]: plea by s.76 procedure to concern in the supply of cocaine in the High Court. Client was given a community payback order as a direct alternative to custody (junior counsel alone).

Scottish COVID-19 Inquiry: representing the Scottish Police Federation (junior counsel to Shelagh McCall KC).

HM Advocate v SM & Others [2025]: plea of guilty to a charge of attempting to defeat the ends of justice. Plea of not guilty to a charge of murder accepted (junior counsel to Shelagh McCall KC).

Testimonials

“Enthusiastic, hardworking, and very able.”

“Louis is an excellent people person and has always shown maturity beyond his years.”

“His personality is matched with his undoubted intelligence.”

“He has an enviable ability to communicate well with clients, colleagues, and professionals alike.”