



Lisa Gillespie KC

Year of Call: 2005

Year of Silk: 2020

Lisa is an experienced criminal practitioner with over twelve years' service as an Advocate Depute, culminating in her appointment as Deputy Principal Crown Counsel. In that role she conducted a substantial volume of High Court trials, developing particular expertise in cases involving serious sexual offending and domestic abuse. Her work also included the prosecution of murder and other offences of violence, drugs offences and terrorism, as well as appeal proceedings and fatal accident inquiries. This background gives her a depth of judgment and courtroom assurance that she now brings to defence instructions.

She holds an LLB (Hons) First Class and an MSc with distinction in Global Crime, Justice and Security. Earlier in her career she served as Law Clerk to the Lord Justice Clerk Lord Gill, gaining valuable insight into appellate practice and judicial decision-making. She also worked on two major public inquiries. Lisa is known for her clear, analytical approach, thorough preparation, and steady courtroom presence, combining experience with strong academic grounding in every case she undertakes.

Areas of Practice

Criminal Trials

FAI & Public Inquiries

Post conviction proceedings

Selected Cases

The conjoined fatal accident inquiries into three neonatal deaths at Wishaw General and the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital, before Sheriff Principal Anwar.

Operation Recloir, the prosecution of a group of five accused who were convicted of multiple offences of rape, drugs supply, human trafficking and brothel-keeping, committed against vulnerable women in Dundee.

The prosecution for terrorist offences of Sam Imrie, a far-right extremist who was convicted after threatening to burn down an Islamic centre in Glenrothes.

The prosecution of Raymond Bell, convicted of murdering a man who died five years after sustaining a traumatic brain injury in an assault.