

Gordon Lamont

Year called: 1999
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Qualifications: LLB (Hons) law, Glasgow University, Dip. L.P.
1991–98 solicitor specialising in reparation
1998–99 Legal Assistant to the Lord
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Practice

Main Areas of Practice include -

Personal Injury
Aviation
Medical Law
Public Inquiries
Fatal Accident Inquiries

Gordon has a Civil Practice with particular expertise in personal injury, aviation, medical law and public inquiries. Gordon was Junior Counsel for the families in the ICL Public Inquiry (Stockline) in 2008 with associated personal injury claims. In 2010 - 2013, Gordon was Junior Counsel for families and patients at the Vale of Leven Public Inquiry (C. difficile outbreak). Has appeared in 50% of the Public Inquiries in Scotland.

Aviation experience includes the Glasgow Air Crash in 2001, the Edinburgh Air Crash in 2003/2004 and the Machrihanish Air Crash 2007 (Fatal Accident Inquiries and reparation claims). Gordon has represented the pilot union BALPA in numerous reparation cases and has continuing involvement in high profile aviation accidents in 2013.

Other Fatal Accident Inquiries include death of a prisoner in custody (acting for prison union), erroneous dispensing of drugs in a hospital (acting for Responsible Pharmacist) and complex medical issues surround the hospital death of a 12 year old (acting for family). In 2013 involved in long running (50 days +) FAI into death of 13 year old girl of acute promyelocytic leukaemia with issues surrounding diagnosis, laboratory procedure, complex haematology, neurosurgery and consent.

Gordon is actively involved in reparation. Court of Session proofs include Lyons v WM Morrison Supermarket plc 2010 Rep. LR 90 (manual handling) and Fordyce v Acrima Insurance 7 May 2010 unreported (road traffic reconstruction). Other reported cases include Clegg and Another v Rogerson and another 2007 CSIH 87 (Network Rail responsibilities at a level crossing), LaMarra v Capital Bank plc and others 2007 SC 95 (Consumer credit), Ashmore v Rock Steady Security Limited 2006 SLT 207 (assault, defence of provocation, examination of *ex turpi causa*), Millar and others v Watt and Others 2005 SCLR 143 (whether death of infant case suitable for jury trial), Lewis v Richardson 2002 SLT 272 (rta), Skinner v Aberdeen City Council 2001 Rep LR 118 (manual handling), McLeod v British Railway Board 2001 SC 534 (appeal on level of damages assessed by jury).

What the Directories Say

Legal 500 2014 - Recommended in the category of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence. Gordon Lamont is "very bright, with excellent court-craft and attention to detail."

Legal 500 2013 - Ranked for Personal Injury, Professional Negligence and Medical Negligence - " Gordon Lamont is 'very clever and very able, and can make a silk purse out of a pig's ear'."

Chambers UK 2013 - Ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury - "Gordon Lamont has a broad practice which encompasses a wide range of personal injury work. His key areas of expertise are criminal injuries compensation and fatal accident inquiries."