

Marion Caldwell QC

Year called: 1986
Year of silk: 2000
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Qualifications: 1983-5: trainee solicitor then solicitor with Alex Morison & Co [now Morisons]
1986: admitted Faculty of Advocates
1991: called to Bar, Inner Temple
2000: appointed Silk



Practice

Principal Areas of Practice Include:

- Clinical Negligence
- Professional Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Disciplinary Tribunals
- Public Inquiries
- Fatal Accident Inquiries

Marion has considerable experience in a wide range of civil litigation, public inquiries, Fatal Accident Inquiries and professional disciplinary tribunals. She is familiar with the demands of lengthy, complex & high value litigation.

She has a particular interest in claims for catastrophic injuries, brain injury, clinical negligence and for occupational stress, bullying and harassment. Much of her work is in cases concerned with professional and medical negligence, acting both for pursuers and defenders. She has also practised at the Criminal Bar and in 2011 she was appointed an Ad Hoc Advocate Depute by the Crown. Marion is a CEDR accredited Mediator.

Appointments

Standing Junior Counsel to the Accountant of Court and the Accountant in Bankruptcy 1991-2000

Chairman, Pensions Appeal Tribunals for Scotland 2001 - present

Legal Chair of Panel to determine General Medical Services Contracts disputes. 2010 - present

Legal Chair of Panel on Appeals against removal of GPs from the Performers List in Scotland. 2010 - present

Ad Hoc Advocate Depute 2011- present

Special Counsel under Criminal Justice and Licensing (S) Act 2010. 2011- present

President, Pensions Appeal Tribunals for Scotland 2013 - present

Legal Member - Police Appeals Tribunal 2013 - present

Deputy Judge, Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber) 2014 - present

Selected Cases

Aitken v SAS 2011 SLT 822

Doran v Shanks Waste Management [2010]CSOH 91

Learmont v Vernon; Lord Uist [2007] CSOH 204

Fairlie v Perth and Kinross Healthcare NHS Trust 2004 SLT 1200

Duff v East Dunbartonshire Council (IH) 2002 RepLR 98

Girvan v Inverness Farmers Dairy 1998 SC (HL) 1

Public Inquiry into the Piper Alpha Disaster 1989-1990

What the Directories Say

Chambers UK 2013 - Ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury and Band 1 for Clinical Negligence - "Marion Caldwell QC is "a fierce negotiator" who "is at the top of her game." She is commended for her expertise in medical claims, and is praised by instructing solicitors for possessing "huge attention to detail - she leaves nothing to chance."

Chambers UK 2012 - Ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury and Band 1 for Clinical Negligence - "Marion Caldwell QC is regarded as a leading light for medical claims, and interviewees universally commend her thorough approach and ability to put clients at ease."

Chambers UK 2011 - Ranked Band 1 for Personal Injury - "solicitors praise Marion Caldwell QC for her deft handling of personal injury matters and fatal accident inquiries."

Legal 500 UK 2014 - Ranked in the category Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence - "A fierce litigator"