

## Steve Love QC

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**Qualifications:** 2006 - Accredited Mediator  
1986 - LL.B (Aberdeen)  
1987 - Dip.LP (Aberdeen)



## Practice

Steve specialises and is experienced in personal injury litigation and regulatory prosecutions and came to the Bar in 2001 having been a respected solicitor for 12 years. His principal fields of practice include: -

- Health and Safety and Road Traffic Prosecutions
- Fatal Accident Inquiries
- Personal Injury
- Professional Negligence

He has advised and appeared for individuals and companies in relation to prosecutions under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and related statutory regulations; advised and appeared for appellants in relation to improvement and prohibition notices served under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974; advised and appeared for the accused in prosecutions under the Road Traffic Act 1988 and other road traffic related provisions and represented parties at Fatal Accident Inquiries.

As part of his Personal Injury practice in which he acts for both pursuers and defenders, Steve has considerable experience in dealing with claims arising out of road traffic accidents (particularly those involving motorcycles), claims against the Motor Insurers Bureau, claims arising from accidents onboard aircraft and claims related to industrial injury and disease (including those related to asbestos exposure, Vibration White Finger and occupational asthma). He is also experienced in catastrophic injury and clinical negligence claims. Steve is an instructor on the Faculty of Advocates' foundation course for new advocates.

## Representative cases

### Regulatory

*HMA v Forsyths Limited* - February 2008 - fatal accident involving use of argon in purge gas damming procedure - represented accused company charged on indictment under sections 2(1) and 33(1) HSWA

*HMA v Barr Electrical & Another* - August 2008 fatal accident involving wiring of control equipment - represented accused director and company charged on indictment under sections 2(1) and 33(1) HSWA

*HMA v Mitie Engineering Services Limited & Others* - September 2008 - fatal accident in the course of electrical works being carried out at commercial premises - represented interests of director charged on indictment under and in terms of section 37 HSWA

*HMA v Gordon Wallace* - February 2009 - representing accused in High Court prosecution under and in terms of Section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*HMA v E Nicholson & Sons (Metals) Limited* - February 2010 - fatal accident in the course of the demolition of public house premises - represented interests of company charged on indictment under and in terms of sections 3(1) and 33(1) HSWA

*PF (Elgin) v Robert White* - March 2010 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*PF (Banff) v Frank Ralph* - June 2010 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*PF (Hamilton) v Ann Frances Carrigan* - September 2010 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*HMA v Claire Angus* - November 2010 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988 - successful special defence of non-insane automatism

*HMA v Ian McEwan* - July 2011- representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*HMA v John Agnew* - July 2011 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic

Act 1988

*PF (Stranraer) v Doon Transport Limited and Another* - September 2011 - representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 40A of the Road Traffic Act 1991

*The Bourbon Dolphin* – March 2012 - representing a major oil company in appeal against improvement notice relating to alleged breach of Section 3 of HSWA following the capsizing of the Bourbon Dolphin in course of anchor handling operations in the North Sea

*HMA v Beckley* - August 2012 – representing accused in High Court prosecution under section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*PF (Dunoon) v Sloan* – October 2012 – representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of section 2B of the Road Traffic Act 1988

*HMA v Hydropumps Limited* – October 2013 – representing accused in prosecution under and in terms of sections 2(1) and 33(1) HSWA

## Reparation

*McFarlane v Corus Construction Limited* [2006] CSOH 38 - party injured in course of employment - question of application of health and safety legislation given circumstances in which pursuer injured.

*Welsh v Brady* [2008] CSOH 45 - party injured when struck by running dog - whether dog owner strictly liable for the pursuer's injuries in terms of the provisions of the Animals (Scotland) Act

*Duffy v Enterprise Engineering Services Limited* [2008] CSOH 141 - party injured in accident on barge berthed in Bergen, Norway - whether safe means of access/egress provided

*Alan Law v Frank Ronald and Motor Insurers Bureau* [2010] CSOH 53 - pursuer injured in road traffic accident - whether Clause 6 of the Uninsured Drivers' Agreement applied to exclude MIB's liability

*Eric Middleton v Highland Council* [2010] CSOH - pursuer injured when motorcycle slid on loose stone chips on road - whether roads authority vicariously liable for acts and omissions of relevant employees

*William Toner v George Morrison Builders* [2010] CSOH 125 - pursuer injured falling from roof of premises - whether non-employer defender liable in terms of applicable regulations

*Alison Bellingham & Others v James Todd* [2011] CSOH - claim for damages under and in terms of section 1(4) of the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976

*Karen Thomson & Others v Dennis Thomson Builders Limited - Civil Jury Trial* - February 2011 - claim for damages under and in terms of section 1(4) of the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976

## Professional Liability

*Durham-Muir v Macritchie*, 14.8.01, Glasgow Sheriff Court - Professional negligence claim against veterinary surgeon - whether vet negligent in administration of drugs to insulin dependant miniature poodle leading to its death.

## Contract and commercial litigation

*McGowan v Summit at Lloyds* 12.6.02, CSIH - defenders pleaded that the court had no jurisdiction on the basis that an insurance policy contained a clause conferring exclusive jurisdiction on the courts of England - plea repelled and appeal brought against that decision.

## Other

*Scott v Thomson*, 6.12.02, CSIH - Appellant claimed damages from the respondents, in respect of her loss of the right to occupy premises as her residence, in terms of section 36 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988.

*Duff v Merrick Homes*, 18.3.03, CSOH - Action before the court on Procedure Roll for discussion of general plea to the relevancy and specification of pleadings against background of previous Inner House decision.

## Professional Memberships

Member of the Health & Safety Lawyer's Association

Member of the United Kingdom Environmental Law Association

Member of the Faculty of Advocates Personal Injury Law Group

Director - Iusful Events Ltd

## Lectures and seminars

Steve has spoken at a number of events organised by Central Law Training, the Scottish Young Lawyers Association and Compass Chambers. He is a Director of Iusful Events Limited, a company that provides advocacy/skills training for lawyers and training for lawyers and expert witnesses.

## What the directories say

Legal 500 2010 Edition – Ranked in the field of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence – *Steve Love "stands out on technical ability, and his rapport with insurance and insured clients"*

Legal 500 2011 Edition – Ranked in the field of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence – *Steve Love is "highly rated"*

Legal 500 2012 Edition - Ranked in the field of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence - "*the 'tenacious' Steve Love is 'approachable and open with clients'.*"

Legal 500 2013 Edition - Ranked in the field of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence - "*Steve Love's 'technical ability is allied to a significant intellect'.*"

Legal 500 2014 Edition - Ranked in the field of Personal Injury, Medical Negligence and Professional Negligence - "*impressive.*"

Chambers UK 2014 Edition - Ranked in the field of Personal Injury - "*excellent with clients - they have lots of confidence in him*"