

Bruce Langlands

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Practice

Bruce called to the Bar in 2019 after a decade as a solicitor in one of Scotland's largest specialist personal injury firms, where he held extended rights of audience as a Solicitor-Advocate.

He is instructed by pursuers and defenders in all areas of personal injury litigation, with a predominant focus on medical negligence, historical child abuse, sexual harassment, and other similar claims.

He maintains a practice in general personal injury litigation, including road traffic, employers' liability, occupiers' liability, and public liability. In addition, he has acted for pursuers and defenders in claims for damages arising from breaches of data protection legislation.

As well as personal injury litigation, Bruce also represents parties in fitness to practice proceedings, such as those before the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service and the Scottish Social Services Council.

He is recognised for his ability to navigate quickly to the heart of a dispute and resolve it in the best interests of the client.

Bruce has been appointed as Faculty's Director of Training and Education, giving him responsibility for the provision of advocacy training to all members of Faculty as well as those training to become advocates. He assumes the post in July 2024.

"Bruce is adept at getting to the bottom of complicated issues of liability, particularly in cases involving allegations of medical negligence, very quickly. He takes a pragmatic approach and is incredibly popular with clients." **Legal 500, 2024**

His main areas of practice are -

- Clinical Negligence
- Personal Injury
- Professional Discipline
- Professional Negligence
- Property Damage

Representative Cases

GD v Sisters of Nazareth - 2023 G.W.D. 26-226 - Instructed by the pursuer in a claim for historical child abuse. Successfully argued at Preliminary Proof that it was possible for the defender to have a fair trial and that it would not be substantially prejudiced by the action proceeding.

Haesel McDonald v Indigo Sun Retail Ltd - 2022 SAC (Civ) 15 - At first instance and on appeal - Recovered over £240,000 for the pursuer who suffered noise induced hearing loss following her being compelled by the defender to work through a fire alarm.

Laura Malone v The Lord Advocate - Instructed as Junior Counsel for the pursuer in her £1.3m damages claim following the development of psychiatric injuries sustained during the course of her employment as a Procurator Fiscal in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Norma Cuthbertson v Murray Bain t/a Harelaw Equestrian Centre - 2020 G.W.D. 5-82 - Obtained decree of absolvitor for the defender following Proof. The pursuer brought a case for damages following significant injuries she sustained after a fall from a horse. The pursuer sought to blame the defender's employee for riding too close to the pursuer whilst on a hack.

Publications

The Finality of Full and Final Damages...or not? - Greens Reparation Bulletin 156 - Rep. B. 2020, 156, 2-5

TVZ and others v Manchester City Football Club Ltd - a case review - Greens Reparation Bulletin 166 - Rep. B. 2022, 166, 2-5