

## Craig Murray KC

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**Qualifications:** Barrister of the Middle Temple  
LLM in Commercial Law (Distinction), University of Edinburgh  
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Craig has busy personal injury practices in both Scotland and England. He regularly conducts proofs/ trials in the Court of Session and ASPIC. He has appeared in the Supreme Court. He specialises in defending high-value and complex road traffic accident and employer liability claims. He also has particular expertise in defending fraudulent claims.

In June 2016, Craig successfully defended a civil jury trial in which a pedestrian claimant was struck by a car. Contributory negligence was found at 85%, one of the highest findings in recent years.

Craig has been instructed in a number of complex product liability cases, including those arising from the pharmaceuticals Vioxx and Celebrex, the PIP silicone implants and surgical mesh products.

Craig is regularly instructed in medical negligence actions and commercial disputes.

Craig also practices at 12 KBW, a specialist personal injury chambers, in London.

Craig has previously been a tutor on the Diploma in Regulatory Occupational Health & Safety at the University of Warwick and on the Civil Court Practice course at the University of Edinburgh.

Craig was appointed as an Advocate Depute *ad hoc* in July 2015.

### Recent selected cases

*Cunningham v. Burton's Biscuits* [2019] SCEDIN (forthcoming). Craig successfully defended a workplace injury claim. The claimant's account of the accident in a biscuit factory was not accepted.

*King v. The Common Thread* [2019] SCEDIN 76. Craig successfully defended a workplace claim in a children's care home.

*Bowes v. Highland Council* [2018] CSIH 757. A fatal claim against a roads authority concerning the adequacy of a bridge parapet.

*Norgate v. Britannia Hotels* [2018] SCEDIN 46. The successful defence of an Occupiers' Liability claim in a listed building.

*Daly v. Heeps* [2018] SCEDIN 1. RTA claim by cyclist in a time-trial on a country road.

*Pocock v. Highland Council* [2017] CSOH 40. Craig successfully defended a claim for personal injury following trip in Inverness city centre. The claimant was the subject of a BBC documentary for a year following the accident.

*Till v. Tayside Public Transport* [2017] CSOH 7, the successful defence on liability of a claim by a pedestrian injured in a collision with a bus.

*William Campbell v. Peter Gordon Joiners* [2016] UKSC 38, concerning a director's liability for a failure by the company to obtain employer's liability insurance. Craig appeared for the successful pursuer at debate, and with senior counsel in the Inner House and Supreme Court.

*Bridges v. Alpha Insurance* (Lord Tyre and a Jury, May 2016), a successful defence of a personal injuries claim by a pedestrian struck by a car. Liability was established by majority, but with an 85% finding of contributory negligence.

*Michael MacDonald v. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar* [2015] CSOH 132, Craig successfully defended a personal injuries action against a local authority in respect of street lighting.

*James Lochrie*, Fatal Accident Inquiry, Sheriff JK Mitchell, Glasgow Sheriff Court, 20 November 2015. Concerning vasovagal episode by bus driver, resulting in fatal collision with pedestrian.

*Ryder v. Highland Council* [2013] CSOH 95, Craig successfully defended a claim for damages in a fatal case concerning a roads authority gritting policy.

*Cairns v. Northern Lighthouse Board* [2013] CSOH 22, a case involving construction of the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997.

## Articles

'The GDPR and Various Claimants v. William Morrisons Supermarkets plc: the do's and don'ts of personal injury practice'  
Journal of Personal Injury Law, 2019, 3, 177-183