



#### Year of Call

1977

#### Year of Silk

1989

#### Devil Masters

The Rt Hon Lord Abernethy



## Practice Profile

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Colin has a wide civil practice with considerable expertise in professional negligence, contractual disputes, oil and gas law, construction law and personal injury. In personal injury, his chief focus is on cases of medical negligence and cases involving catastrophic injuries. Colin also has significant experience in criminal cases concerning health and safety issues.

## Education & Professional Career to Date

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LLB (Hons)

## Appointments

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- Advocate Depute (1986–1989)
- Part-time Chairman, Medical Appeal Tribunal (1990–1995)
- Temporary Judge
- Independent Assessor under Criminal Justice Act 1988 for Miscarriage of Justice
- Senior Counsel to the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry (October 2009–2014)

## Selected Cases

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- **Scottish Hierarchy v Highland Regional Council [1988] SC (HL) 1**
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**Scott Lithgow Ltd v GEC Electrical Products [1992] SLT 244**

- **Caledonian North Sea v London Bridge Ltd [2002] SLT (HL) 278**
- **Clark v Kelly [2003] SC (PC) 1**
- **Ocean Odyssey Inquiry**
- **Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board**

## Areas of Practice

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- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial
- Personal Injury
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries

## Directories

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Band 1 for Clinical Negligence