



Year of Call

1995

Devil Masters

Andrew Smith QC

Sheriff Thomas Welsh QC

Practice Profile

Paul has a broad civil and commercial practice. He has experience of dealing with a wide range of commercial contract and property disputes. Acting for both landlords and tenants, Paul has handled disputes involving dilapidations, rent reviews, assignation of leases and keep-open clauses. Litigations he has conducted have concerned agency, building, coal mining, partnership and employment contracts. Paul has acted in a number of professional negligence claims arising out of property and trust matters.

Banking, financial services, diligence and insolvency law are also within Paul's sphere of expertise. His experience of dealing with a large number of disputes for and against banks in relation to securities and guarantees is complemented by spells acting for and advising trustees and liquidators. Paul maintains a significant interest in sports law, having advised and acted for the Scottish Premier League and a number of major football clubs, sportsmen and sports agents.

Paul regularly appears in the Inner and Outer House, including the Commercial Court. He also has experience of arbitration and the Lands Tribunal, among other tribunals.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Solicitor

BSc (Hons); LLB; Diploma in Legal Practice

Selected Cases

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Contract

- **Scottish Coal Co Ltd v Trustees of FIM Timber Growth Fund III [2009] SCLR 630 (OH)**

Contract

- **ASC Anglo Scottish Concrete Ltd v Geminax Ltd [2009] SC 93 (IH)**

Contract

- **Peart v Legge 2008 SC 93 (IH)**

Property

- **MacDonald Estates plc v National Car Parks Ltd [2010] SC 250 (IH)**

Arbitration/expert determination

- **Christie Owen & Davies plc v Campbell [2009] SC 436 (IH)**

Agency

- **Duncan v American Express Services Europe Ltd [2009] SLT 112 (IH)**

Banking and finance

- **Purewall v Purewall 2010 SLT 120 (IH)**

Partnership

- **McCormack v Hamilton Academical Football Club Ltd [2012] IRLR 108 (IH)**

Employment

- **Credential Bath Street Ltd v DLA Piper Scotland LLP [2010] CSOH 26 (OH)**

Professional negligence

- **Kidd v Scottish Legal Complaints Commission [2011] CSIH 75**

Professional misconduct

- **Holmes v Nursing and Midwifery Council [2010] SC 246 (IH)**

Professional misconduct

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial
- Personal Injury
- Property
- Taxation

Additional Information

Instructor, Faculty of Advocates training skills programme