



ALAN CALDERWOOD



Year of Call

2026

Devil Masters

Andrew Crawford

Craig Allardice

David Anderson

Duncan McPhie

Practice Profile

Alan is an experienced civil litigator who specialises in personal injury litigation.

Prior to calling to the bar he was a Partner and Solicitor Advocate at a large personal injury firm. He has over a decade of experience handling all aspects of personal injury cases and has a particular interest in workplace accidents, workplace assault cases and road traffic accidents. He has extensive experience in dealing with fatal claims for bereaved families, and catastrophic injury cases.

Alan has experience handling Fatal Accident Inquiries and has recently been involved in complex clinical negligence and disease claims.

In addition to personal injury and clinical negligence Alan has an interest in professional negligence and public law (including judicial review).

Alan tutors Civil Court Practice at the University of Edinburgh.

Education & Professional Career to Date

1st Class LLB (Hons) - University of Edinburgh 2012

Diploma in Professional Legal Practice - University of Edinburgh 2013

Thompsons Solicitors - June 2013 to October 2025, from Trainee Solicitor through to Partner and Solicitor Advocate

Appointments

- Tutor in Civil Court Practice (University of Edinburgh)

Selected Cases

- **Personal Injury**
- **Jack McCormack v Sports Direct**
As solicitor advocate.
An occupiers liability case where the pursuer was injured in a gym due to a damaged weight plate. Success at proof was due to the application of res ipsa loquitur.
- **Jack McCormack v Sports Direct [2025] SAC (Civ) 15**
As solicitor advocate
Junior counsel in appeal to the Sheriff Appeal Court
- **Agnieszka Swierzko v Mathiesons Bakery Limited [2024] SC EDIN 43**
Represented the pursuer at proof in this manual handling case where the pursuer was injured moving trays of cream at work. This involved lengthy submissions on the law in relation to the impact on the burden of proof in such cases post Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013. It also involved taking the pursuer's evidence via a translator and taking the evidence of an expert witness on complex matters.
- **Fatal Accident Inquiries**
- **Fatal Accident Inquiry into the deaths of Mira-Belle Bosch and others [2025] FAI 15**
Represented a midwife who involved in the pre-natal care immediately prior to the death of Mirabelle Bosch. This was a complex and far-reaching inquiry in which senior counsel was instructed by most of the parties.

Areas of Practice

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