



CEIT-ANNA MACLEOD KC



Year of Call

2012

Year of Silk

2025

Devil Masters

Kate Dowdalls KC

Thomas Ross KC

Gavin MacColl KC



Practice Profile

Ceit-Anna is experienced in the law of public inquiries and is instructed as counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry. In that capacity she has been involved for many years in advising the inquiry on the legal aspects of its work and presenting evidence at public hearings. She is skilled in examining vulnerable witnesses and those who have experienced trauma.

Ceit-Anna advises on all aspects of family law including financial provision on divorce and financial claims arising following cohabitation. She is instructed in disputes involving children including residence, contact and relocation cases. She is experienced in dealing with applications under the Hague Convention and with applications for permanence orders and adoption. She is frequently appointed by the Court of Session as curator ad litem, reporting officer and child welfare reporter.

Ceit-Anna is described in Chambers UK as a "go-to junior for a broad range of family cases" who "has cogent opinions and an excellent knowledge of family law". She is further described as "capable, cool-headed and extremely good with clients" and as going "above and beyond in terms of service". She is commended for her "client management, courtroom composure and pragmatism".

Education & Professional Career to Date

Solicitor/Associate in private practice prior to calling to the Bar
LLB (Hons), Dip LP - The University of Edinburgh

Appointments

- Ad Hoc Advocate Depute (2024–present)

- Counsel to the Scottish Child Abuse Inquiry (2017–present)
- Faculty of Advocates Family Law Reform Group (2013–present)
- Board Member, MG ALBA (Gaelic Media Service) (2020–2024)
- Legal Assessor, Nursing & Midwifery Council (2016–2022)
- Board Member, Bright Light Relationship Counselling (2016–2022)
- Council Member, The Stair Society (2015–2020)
- Faculty Council (2015–2020)
- Reporter for Session Cases (2013–2019)
- Committee Member, Advocates Family Law Association (2013–2019)
- Tutor, School of Law, The University of Edinburgh (2009–2016)

Selected Cases

- **CM v ER [2017] CSIH 18**
- **ZM and AM v Locality Reporter [2016] SAC (Civ) 16**
- **Petitions of West Lothian Council re the children A and B (2016) CSOH 50**
- **MT and AG v Gerry 2015 SC 359**
- **S for authority to adopt the child FY 2014 Fam LR 23**
- **Edinburgh City Council re the children AB and CD (2014) SCLIV 2**

Areas of Practice

- Family
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries

Directories

Recommended in Chambers and Partners UK Bar Guide for Family/Matrimonial for a number of years. Recent extracts include:

"Has become a go-to junior for a broad range of family cases, including those relating to financial provision, cohabitation claims, permanence orders, Hague Convention applications and residence disputes"

"Capable, cool-headed and extremely good with clients - she goes above and beyond in terms of service"

"She has cogent opinions and an excellent knowledge of family law"

"She is commended for her client management, courtroom composure and pragmatism"

"She is a very articulate, helpful and empathetic person to have as an advocate"

"She is exceptionally good with clients. They trust her and her suggestions"

Additional Information

Fluent Gaelic speaker