



### Year of Call

2025

### Devil Masters

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## Practice Profile

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Darren called to the bar in 2025, having been awarded both the Faculty and Lord Hope Scholarships.

Prior to calling, Darren served as Law Clerk to the Inner House and subsequently as Law Clerk to the Lord Justice Clerk (Lady Dorrian). In these roles, he assisted senior members of the judiciary in a wide range of appellate matters across public law, commercial law, clinical and professional negligence, regulation and crime. His work involved assisting in the preparation and analysis of many high-profile and complex cases.

Before working as a law clerk, Darren trained and practised as a solicitor at a Glasgow-based firm specialising in asylum and immigration law. His practice also included reparation and employment law. He appeared regularly in the First-tier and Upper Tribunals and acted as instructing solicitor in numerous judicial reviews and statutory appeals in the Court of Session.

Through these roles, Darren has developed significant experience in public law and, in recent years, has gained a growing interest and knowledge in media law.

## Education & Professional Career to Date

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Year of Call: 2025

Year of devilling and devilmasters: 2024/2025

Professional career before coming to Bar:

2023-2024: Law Clerk to the Lord Justice Clerk (Lady Dorrian)

2021-2023: Law Clerk to the Inner House of the Court of Session

2018-2021: Solicitor in private practice specialising in immigration and asylum matters (Latta & Co Solicitors)

Degrees: LLB (Hons) (First Class); PG Dip LP.

## Selected Cases

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- **Public law**

- **For Women Scotland Ltd v Scottish Ministers [2023] CSIH 37**

As law clerk.

Challenge to revised statutory guidance issued by the Scottish Ministers under the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018. The central issue concerned the meaning of "sex" and "woman" in the Equality Act 2010.

- **Greene King v Lord Advocate [2023] CSIH 27**

As law clerk.

Reclaiming motion against refusal of judicial review challenge to Tied Pubs (Scotland) Act 2021 as being outside the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament.

- **PA (Pakistan) v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2020] CSIH 34**

As solicitor.

The court confirmed the correct procedure in appeals against refusal of permission to proceed under section 27D of the Court of Session Act 1988.

- **Racheed v Secretary of State for the Home Department [2019] CSIH 8**

As solicitor.

Reclaiming motion against refusal of petition for judicial review of Secretary of State's decision to certify a Syrian national's human rights claim as clearly unfounded.

- **Clinical and professional negligence/liability**

- **SD v Grampian Health Board [2024] CSIH 7**

As law clerk.

Reclaiming motion in case involving injuries sustained at birth in which the court addressed issues of breach of duty and causation

- **Masood v General Medical Council [2024] CSIH 27**

As law clerk.

Statutory appeal by doctor against Medical Practitioners' Tribunal erasing him from the medical register.

- **Crime**

- **Kirkup v HM Advocate [2025] HCJAC 9**

As law clerk.

Appeal against preliminary hearing judge's decision addressing whether consent could operate as a defence to acts constituting an assault which occurred in the context of sexual activity.

- **Lord Advocate's Reference (No. 1 of 2023)**

As law clerk.

7-judge bench decision relating to the use of distress evidence as corroboration.

## Areas of Practice

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- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial

- Crime
- Employment, Discrimination and Harassment
- Media Law, Privacy and Defamation
- Personal Injury
- Public Law

## Additional Information

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During his time as a solicitor, Darren regularly contributed to the Journal of the Law Society of Scotland (see, for example, Immigration: When human rights meet national security | Law Society of Scotland). He also contributed to the SCOLAG immigration update on a quarterly basis and wrote case updates for the immigration and asylum database, Free Movement (Darren Cox - Free Movement).