

Craig Murray KC (Scot.)

Call: 2017

Silk: 2024 (Scotland)

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Personal Injury, Product Liability, Industrial Disease, Public Authority Liability, Fraud, Clinical Negligence, Insurance, International & Travel



Silk: 2024 (Scottish Bar)

Call: 2017 - Bar of England and Wales

2008 - Scottish Bar

Craig is a Scottish silk and a barrister in England. He has considerable experience in a full range of personal injury work.

Craig has appeared in the Supreme Court on a novel insurance point (*Campbell v. Peter Gordon Joiners Ltd* [2016] UKSC 38), he conducted a civil jury trial in the Court of Session without a leader (*Bridges v. Alpha Insurance* 2016 SLT 859) and has conducted numerous multi-week trials as sole counsel.

Craig is regularly instructed in high-value RTA claims involving fatalities or catastrophic and brain injury.

Craig has substantial experience in dealing with cross-border issues.

Craig has recently returned to civil practice after a 3-year appointment as Crown Counsel in Scotland. In that capacity, he prosecuted serious crime including murder, drugs trafficking and serious sexual offending.

Craig is available to accept instructions throughout the jurisdiction. He maintains a practice at Compass Chambers in Edinburgh.

In his spare time, Craig is a marathon swimmer.

Personal Injury

Craig has experience in all aspects of personal injury law, including high value road traffic accidents and employers' liability claims.

- He has acted for defendants and claimants in high value RTA claims involving vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. He is familiar with preparing and leading evidence on driver perception, conspicuity and accident reconstruction. He regularly leads evidence from motor engineers and forensic collision investigators.
- Craig is regularly instructed in catastrophic injury cases involving neuropsychiatric and neuropsychological evidence. He frequently encounters Professor Carson, an expert in FND, based in Edinburgh. He is also familiar with the range of brain injuries which arise in litigation.
- Craig has a particular interest in maritime claims. He was recently the lead prosecutor for the investigation of the *RV Petrel* which collapsed in a dry dock in March 2023. He has litigated numerous offshore employers' liability

- claims and maritime personal injury claims.
- He has experience of a full range of employer liability claims, including: work equipment cases, accidents at height, accidents on construction sites, and fatal diving accidents.
- Craig has successfully defended occupiers' liability claims concerning listed buildings (*Brown v. Lakeland* 2012 Rep LR 140; and *Norgate v. Britannia Hotels* [2018] 8 WLUK 71).
- Craig has acted for claimants and defendants in mesothelioma and other asbestos-related disease cases. He has acted for claimants in noise-induced hearing loss cases, HAVS cases and silicosis claims. He has acted for claimants and defendants in Legionella claims.
- Craig is regularly instructed by Scottish local authorities. He has succeeded in novel arguments concerning the non-justiciability of claims (*Ryder v. Highland Council* [2013] CSOH 95; *Macdonald v. Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar* [2015] CSOH 132).

Qualifications & Awards

LLB (Hons), University of Edinburgh

LLM (Dist), Commercial Law, University of Edinburgh

LLM, Human Rights Law, University of Strathclyde

Dip Legal Practice, University of Edinburgh

Dip Forensic Medical Sciences, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries

Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Faculty of Advocates Scholarship (2007)

Appointments & Memberships

Personal Injuries Bar Association

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Directories

Chambers and Partners, 2024, Band 2 for Personal Injury.

"His written work and opinion work is excellent. He gives clear and concise advice, is responsive, and deals with matters on time."

"Craig is very reliable and thorough in his preparation."