

# BRIAN MCCONNACHIE QC

## YEAR OF CALL

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1994, Silk - 2005

## EDUCATION

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1981 <i>Diploma Legal Practice</i>	University of Glasgow
1981 <i>LLB</i>	University of Glasgow

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2006 - 2009	Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
■ Principal Advocate Depute	
2004 - 2006	Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
■ Senior Advocate Depute	
2002 - 2003	Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service
■ Advocate Depute	
1994	Faculty of Advocates
■ Called to Scottish Bar	
1984 – 1993	AC Miller & Mackay, Perth
■ Legal Assistant	
1983 – 1984	AC Bennett & Fairweather, Edinburgh
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1981 – 1983	AC Bennett & Fairweather, Edinburgh
■ Trainee	

#### AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Criminal Law, FAI, Health & Safety Prosecutions, Children's Referrals, RTA, Firearms, Proceeds of Crime, Drugs, Sex offences, Terrorism, Human Rights and Devolution Issues, Appeals

#### COURTS/TRIBUNAL EXPERIENCE

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Sheriff Courts, High Court (both prosecution and defence), Court of Appeal

#### SELECTED CASES

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- HMA v Mohammed Atif Siddique – Prosecution of the first Scottish born Islamic Terrorist.
- HMA v Michael Ross – Prosecution of a Black Watch soldier for a murder committed in Orkney in 1994 when Ross was just 15 years old.
- HMA v Juan Carlos Crispin – Prosecution of a Spanish National for the murder of Eleni Pachou in Di Maggios restaurant in Glasgow.
- George Beattie v HMA – SCCRC referral of a 1974 conviction for murder involving consideration of expert psychological evidence.
- HMA v Rosdeep Adekoya – Representing a mother charged with the murder of her 3 year old son. Ultimately pled guilty to culpable homicide.
- HMA v Lee Anderson – Representing a man charged with the murder of a Paisley shopkeeper. Convicted of culpable homicide after trial.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Brian McConnachie called in 1994, after 9 years as a solicitor in private practice and quickly established himself as one of the most highly respected and well instructed Juniors at the Criminal Bar. He joined Crown Office in 2002 as an Advocate Depute. In 2003 he was selected to be a Senior Advocate Depute. In October 2006 he was appointed Principal Advocate Depute where he had overall practical responsibility for the prosecution of High Court crime in Scotland.

During that period he was regularly involved in the consideration of FAIs, Health and Safety prosecutions and all aspects of Regulatory Crime as well as appearing in some of the most high profile cases and appeals. In June of 2009 after over 7 years in Crown Office he returned to the defence Bar. Since that time he has been one of the most instructed Senior Counsel in Scotland. He has appeared in many high profile trials during that time. He has also contributed in the media to many of the current legal issues, particularly the abolition of corroboration.