

CURRICULUM VITAE

David Conlin Taylor

EDUCATION

1983 –1987, University of Glasgow
Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

1987 –1988, University of Glasgow
Diploma in Legal Practice

1989

Admitted as a Solicitor

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

April 2020 – present, Junior Counsel, Faculty of Advocates

October 2019 –March 2020, devilling, Faculty of Advocates

December 2012 – September 2019, Crown Office, Edinburgh

- Serving as a Trial Advocate Depute
- Primarily engaged in the preparation and conduct of first instance trials in the High Court of Justiciary
- Appearing for the Crown in the Sheriff Appeal Court and the Appeal Court, in both sentence and conviction appeals
- Approximately two years in the National Sex Crimes Unit
- Mainstream work has included the prosecution of 12 murder cases

September 2006 – November 2012, Gilfedder & McInnes, Edinburgh

- Solicitor Advocate assistant in the firm, working solely on criminal cases
- The majority of this criminal work was as a solicitor advocate in the High Court
- Presentation of bail appeals (then heard before a High Court judge), sentence appeals, conviction appeals and trials.
- Sheriff Court solemn work and summary cases

April 2004 – September 2006, Central Criminal Lawyers, Livingston

- Assistant, involved solely in criminal work
- Solicitor Advocate work, both appellate and first instance
- Sheriff Court work, both solemn and summary, including 10 sheriff and Jury trials

April 2004, granted Rights of Audience in the High Court of Justiciary

August 1997 – April 2004, Taylor & Kelly, Coatbridge

- Principal in my own firm
- Both civil and criminal work, including the conduct of civil proofs
- Principal agents for the case of Napier v The Scottish Ministers (the slopping out case) and the subsequent Human Rights cases arising from that case.

June 1988 – July 1997, Trainor Alston, Coatbridge

- Trainee and assistant. Partner from 1993
- Civil and criminal case load, including instructing counsel in both the Court of Session and the High Court