



**Margaret Barron**  
**Year of Call: 2006**

After spending 10 years working in the voluntary sector in London, latterly in fundraising and PR for a national charity, Margaret decided on a change of career and in 1997 enrolled as a mature student at the University of Dundee, graduating in 2001 with an LL.B in Scots Law and a Postgraduate Degree in Professional Legal Practice in 2002. Following a traineeship with MacRoberts in Edinburgh, Margaret worked at the Scottish Borders Council dealing with a range of legal matters relating to housing, conveyancing, employment and social work.

After calling at the Bar in 2006, Margaret developed a reputation as a hardworking and capable Junior primarily in criminal trials, before joining Crown Office as an Advocate Depute in 2013. Margaret has a particular expertise in the prosecution of sexual offences.

### **Areas of Practice**

Criminal Trials

### **Selected Cases**

HMA v Shaun McCabe (2019) – prosecution of single accused, convicted of 23 charges of physical and sexual assaults, including charges of rape, against 2 complainers over a 6-year period.

HMA v Mark Duthie (2020) – prosecution of single accused, convicted of 29 charges of physical and sexual assaults, including charges of rape, against 7 complainers over a 15-year period.

HMA v Sangster and Sangster (2021) – prosecution of 2 accused, driver and passenger, on an art and part basis, for attempted murder by driving a car at and striking the complainer. Both accused were convicted by a unanimous verdict of the jury.

HMA v Tyler O'Donnell (2022) – prosecution of single accused, convicted of 19 charges of physical and sexual assaults, including charges of rape, against 6 complainers over a 3-year period.

HMA v Scott Gall (2023) – prosecution of single accused, convicted of physical assault, sexual coercion and rape of 1 complainer, convicted of physical assaults of 2 complainers, assault to danger of life of a 3rd complainer, over a 17-year period.

### **Appointments & Memberships**

- Advocate Depute, 2013 to present