



Richard Goddard

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Year of Call: 2024

Year of Silk: 2018

Richard Goddard is an experienced and highly regarded Senior Counsel at the criminal bar. He has a wealth of experience in both defence and prosecution work. He practiced as a defence solicitor for over twenty years, including eleven years as a busy defence solicitor advocate conducting trials and appeals in the High Court. In 2012 he was appointed Advocate Depute and took silk in 2018. He was appointed Deputy Principal Crown Counsel in 2022. As Deputy Principal Crown Counsel, he was responsible for conducting criminal trials and appeals of the utmost seriousness and complexity.

Areas of Practice

Criminal Trials

Health & Safety

Post conviction proceedings

Childrens' Referrals

Extradition

Road Traffic Violations

FAI & Public Inquiries

Selected Cases

HMA v Iain Packer- prosecuted the accused for 46 charges including the historical murder of Emma Caldwell, a long and complex and trial with very significant media interest.

HMA v Sean Orman- prosecuted the accused for the murder by shooting of Bradley Welsh, a high-profile contract killing in Edinburgh.

HMA v Connor Ward- prosecuted the accused for offences contrary to the Terrorism Acts in relation to the planned bombing of a mosque.

HMA v Strachan and Others-defended one of eight accused involved in what was Scotland's largest sexual abuse conspiracy.

Appointments and memberships

Solicitor Advocate 2000

Ad hoc Advocate Depute 2005

Full Time Advocate Depute 2011

Senior Advocate Depute 2015

Assistant Principal Crown Counsel 2021

Deputy Principal Crown Counsel 2022

Testimonials

Richard is a peerless court practitioner. He makes the job look easy. Clients feel secure with him at the helm. Meticulous in preparation and utterly captivating in court.

Richard is a highly skilled and experienced practitioner. His thorough preparation and advocacy in complex cases are unmatched, complemented by a personable and professional manner.