



Michael Meehan KC

Year of Call: 2003

Year of Silk: 2019

Before calling to the Bar, Michael worked in COPFS and in private practice. In 1999, he gained extended rights of audience (criminal) as solicitor-advocate.

In 2003, Michael called to the Bar. He was instructed as junior defence counsel in criminal trials and appeals. Between 2006 to 2009 he was an Advocate Depute prosecuting High Court trials. In 2009, he returned to practice at the Bar. He was instructed as junior defence counsel in complex trials, appeals, complex children's referral proofs and Fatal Accident Inquiries.

Between 2017 to April 2023, Michael was a Senior Advocate Depute prosecuting complex High Court trials, representing the Lord Advocate in extradition proceedings and conducting appeals in the High Court and in the Sheriff Appeal Court. In 2019, he took silk. Between 2019 to 2023, he was the lead Senior Advocate Depute overseeing health and safety cases, issuing instructions and providing guidance in a wide range of health and safety prosecutions and fatal accident inquiries.

In 2023, Michael returned to practice at the Bar.

Areas of Practice

Criminal Trials

Regulatory & Road Traffic

Criminal Appeals

Fatal Accident Inquiries

Health & Safety

Selected Cases

HM Advocate v Cameron House Resort (Loch Lomond) Ltd and HM Advocate v Christopher O'Malley – Prosecuted in 2020 hotel owner and an employee in respect of failures which caused two deaths.

DF v PF, Dundee – Appeared as Advocate Depute in 2023 in defence appeal against conviction and sentence in respect of dental student uploading intimate images contrary to section 2(1) of the Abusive Behaviour and Sexual Harm (Scotland) Act 2016

HM Advocate v Liam McWatt (2023) – Successfully defended driver accused of causing the deaths of two pedestrians by dangerous driving.

Appointments and memberships

Member of the Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of Scotland - 2002 to 2006 and 2009 to 2017

Member of the Faculty of Advocates Law Reform Committee - 2012 to 2017

Appointed Senior Tutor for advanced criminal law in the Diploma in Legal Practice at the University of Glasgow – 2010 to 2017

Member of the Advisory Group for the Scottish Law Commission Discussion Paper on the mental element in homicide – 2018 to date

Member of the Criminal Court Rules Council – 2024 to date