



Chris Miller
Year of Call: 2020

Chris is currently employed full time by Crown Office as an Advocate Depute and is not available to accept defence instructions.

Chris graduated from The University of Strathclyde with an LL.B in Scots Law (First Class Honours) in 2024; LL.M in Internet Law and Policy (Distinction) in 2016; and Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Legal Practice in 2016. He called to the Scottish Bar in 2020 after qualifying as a Solicitor in 2018. He has developed a busy practice specialising in Criminal Trials, Criminal Appeals, Human Rights, Extradition, Health & Safety, and Personal Injury. He has a particular interest in Appellate Advocacy. He has appeared extensively as Junior Counsel alone and with Senior Counsel in the Sheriff Courts, The Court of Session, and The High Court of Justiciary. He is currently a Full-Time Advocate Depute with The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Selected Cases

William Quarm & Others v His Majesty’s Advocate – [2024] HCJAC 15 – Junior Counsel to Senior Counsel in the first successful Post Office ‘Horizon’ Appeal Against Conviction in the High Court of Justiciary in Scotland regarding a guilty plea tendered in relation to a charge of embezzlement.

His Majesty’s Advocate v Mitchell & Curtis [2023] – Junior Counsel to Senior Counsel in High Court Trial involving allegations of assaulting and abducting the Sheriff of Grampian, Highland, and Islands and Banff, and violating Section 38 of the Criminal Justice & Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 by way of inter alia posting content on social media regarding the assassination of the First Minister of Scotland.

His Majesty’s Advocate v LB, JI, and JT [2022] HCJAC 48 – Junior Counsel to Senior Counsel for the Third Respondent in Crown Appeal Against Unduly Lenient Sentences in relation to the crime of rape, in which the Lord Advocate requested a Guideline Judgment from the High Court of Justiciary. It was successfully argued that the sentence imposed was not unduly lenient, and the Crown Appeal was refused to that extent. The Court was furthermore not persuaded that a Guideline Judgment should be issued.

Hayes & Others v The Lord Advocate on behalf of the United States of America [2022] HCJAC 6 / [2021] SC Edin 50 – Junior Counsel to Leading Junior Counsel in Extradition Hearing and Appeal Against Extradition to the United States of America concerning Article 3 ECHR in the context of mandatory sentences of life without parole for lesser crimes than murder.

Publications

Faculty of Advocates Consultation Response on the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill (2022)

Faculty of Advocates Consultation Response on Data: A New Direction (2021)

New Zealand: Sentencing of Christchurch Mass Murderer Explained, Scottish Legal News (2020)

Appointments and Memberships

Full-Time Advocate Depute with The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

Adviser to The Scottish Parliament (Criminal Justice Committee)

Testimonials

“Meticulous preparation and comprehensive knowledge of the law and legal principles underpins his courageous advocacy.”

“A supremely capable Advocate who cuts to the root of the dispute with his easy-going manner and extensive knowledge of the law.”