



#### Year of Call

1996

#### Devil Masters

Andrew Smith QC

Ian Duguid QC



## Practice Profile

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Over the course of Marie's 12 years as a solicitor, her civil litigation practice evolved an emphasis on family and child law. Since calling to the Bar in 1996, she has developed a practice in which these same areas predominate. Marie has extensive experience of all aspects of litigation concerning divorce, financial provision, cohabitation, civil partnerships and every facet of child law. Her cases have encompassed complex jurisdictional issues and human rights elements, petitions for adoption, permanence orders and social work referrals. Marie has developed a further interest in social work referrals with a contentious medical component, including shake/impact injuries in infants. In October 2010, Marie appeared alone for the curator ad litem in the UK Supreme Court in the case of *Principal Reporter v K and others*. In November 2014, Marie returned to the UK Supreme Court in the case of *Greater Glasgow Health Board v Doogan & Wood*.

## Education & Professional Career to Date

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Solicitor for 12 years, 6 of them at partner level

LLB; Diploma in Legal Practice

## Appointments

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- Board of Examiners, Diploma in Legal Practice, Glasgow Graduate School of Law (1999–2003)

## Selected Cases

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- **Principal Reporter v K [2010] UKSC 56**  
Human rights; Article 8; child law; family law
- **Midlothian Council Petitioners [2012] CSOH 63**  
Child law; permanance order
- **Doogan and Wood v GGCHB [2012] CSOH 32 [2013] CSIH36 [2014] UKSC 68**  
Judicial review; human rights; Article 9
- **Petition of JP v FM (Child Abduction) 2014 CSIH 19**  
Decision of the Inner House. Counsel was for the reclaimer.

## Areas of Practice

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- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Family
- Personal Injury

## Publications & Seminars

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Commercial Debt in Europe: Recovery and Remedies, Richard Guy and Hugh Mercer, Sweet & Maxwell, 1991: consultant to authors

Speaker on Principal Reporter v K, Arnot Manderson Family Law Conference, April 2011

Chair, Arnot Manderson Family Law Conference, May 2012

## Directories

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Top Ranked in Chambers & Partners UK Bar Guide 2019 for Family/Matrimonial matters

"Her people skills are unrivalled. She also has an intricate and detailed understanding of the law."