



Year of Call

2021

Devil Masters

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Practice Profile

Cat called to the bar in 2021 as the recipient of the Lord Reid scholarship.

Prior to calling, Cat was a Procurator Fiscal Depute with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, having completed her traineeship there.

Cat has prosecuted a wide variety of criminal cases and has considerable experience in handling complex cases and in leading evidence from child and vulnerable witnesses.

Whilst at Crown Office, she worked on the civil actions brought by individuals who were prosecuted following the acquisition and administration of Rangers Football Club.

During her devilling, Cat was involved in a range of criminal appeals and Fatal Accident Inquiries. She also gained experience in the areas of public law, personal injury, and clinical negligence.

She completed an LLM in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the University of Edinburgh, for which she was awarded the TB Smith Prize for the most distinguished scholar.

Education & Professional Career to Date

The University of Aberdeen, Law LLB (Honours) (First class)

The University of Edinburgh, Criminal Law & Criminal Justice LLM (Distinction)

The University of Edinburgh, Diploma in Professional Legal Practice

Appointments

- Standing "junior junior" counsel to the Office of the Advocate General for Scotland (2021–present)

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Crime
- Personal Injury
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries
- Public Law

Publications & Seminars

"Special Measures and the Principle of Orality in the Scots Criminal Trial: Ensuring Fairness to the Accused" (2017) 3(2) Edin SLR, 3