

Curriculum Vitae

Andrew Lamb QC

(1971) QC 2002

1974 – 1984 Solicitor

1984 – Called to Bar; Sat on Bench as Sheriff

1993 – 1997 Appointed Advocate Depute by the then Lord Advocate, the late Lord Rodger of Earlsferry

1997 to date resumed practice

2002 Appointed Queen's Counsel

Accredited teacher of criminal law under the auspices of the National Institute of Trial Advocates (Harvard).

Inaugural member, under the auspices of the Faculty of Advocates Criminal Bar Association, of training programme for devils and junior members of Faculty.

Involved in Franco-British Lawyers Association.

Career/Expertise

As a Solicitor dealt with a wide range of Civil and Criminal Court work.

After calling to the Bar, initially involved in Civil, Criminal and Tribunal work.

By the early 1990's predominantly specialist in a wide range of Criminal Defence work, including murder, culpable homicide, terrorist cases, armed robbery, rape, historic sex abuse, paedophile cases, fraud, drugs cases, health and safety prosecutions and R.T.A. offences such as causing death by dangerous driving.

In addition regular appearances in the Court of Appeal.

As an Advocate Depute the post involved decision-making relating to policy and the prosecution of all serious crime in Scotland. In addition issuing advice and instructions to the Crown Office unit and the Procurator Fiscals around the country. During that period conducted many high profile prosecutions in the High Court of Justiciary and Court of Appeal.

Thereafter resumed a busy Criminal Defence practice and also prosecute High Court cases on an ad hoc basis.

Notable Cases

Set out below is a selection of cases in which Andrew Lamb QC has been involved. It should not be regarded as exhaustive.

Fraud

HMA v P and 10 others 2009-10

Extremely lengthy fraud trial involving extensive preparation. Numerous novel points of law were taken during the course of the trial, all of which were upheld. All documentary evidence presented via computer.

HMA v W and others 2006

£13 million fraud. Preparation involved considerable number of witnesses and documentary productions.

Murder, Manslaughter and Serious Violence
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HMA v Pand others 2013

High-profile case attracting substantial media and public interest. Abduction, torture and murder of a business woman. Body never recovered. Large-scale preparation of complex “proof of life” and financial evidence. The deceased failed to complete a number of business deals with the accused, culminating in the collapse of a major deal as a consequence of £40 million in forged foreign bearer bonds being used by the deceased to fund the project.

HMA v G 2011-13

Murder. Extensive investigation with psychiatric experts. Over 2 years the assessment of Defendant’s mental health changed repeatedly. Although it was impossible to obtain instructions, he was initially regarded, by the majority, as sane and fit to plead. Subsequently, that diagnosis changed. Thereafter, he was admitted to Carstairs State Mental Hospital. Subsequently, he was diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic. The trial resulted from an inability on the part of the psychiatrists to agree whether that rendered him insane at the time of the murder.

HMA v G and others 2010

Five-Judge appeal involving English authorities regarding entitlement of accused to introduce previous convictions of co-accused.

HMA v W and others 2008-09

Fresh evidence appeal against murder conviction of a bottom range IQ teenager in the 1970’s known as “The Bluebell Woods” murder. The conviction depended largely upon confessions. The lengthy appeal involved leading evidence from Prof. Goodjohnssen, one of the pre-eminent world experts in the study of the reliability of confession evidence.

HMA v L 2008

High-profile murder trial. Successful businessman and qualified lawyer brutally murdered his wife. The final moments were recorded on a 999 call as she screamed for help. Extremely complex psychiatric evidence from numerous experts who all agreed he was bi-polar but disagreed about the issue of diminished responsibility.

HMA v C and others 2006-07

High-profile murder trial with considerable media attention. Shooting in city centre pub. The sawn-off pair of Purley shotguns were the property of a solicitor (who was fortunate to be in the witness box rather than the dock).

Drugs

HMA v H and others 2011

Complex appeal against extradition order to U.S.A.

HMA v S and 6 others 2010

Large-scale drugs cartel from Birmingham. Significant surveillance operation.

Terrorism

HMA v M and others 2004

Major trial under the Prevention of Terrorism Act involving large-scale surveillance operation by SDEA and Special Branch, including directed surveillance. Many complex points of law arising during the course of the trial. "Supergrass" witnesses in witness protection gave evidence.

HMA v Ki and others 2003

Prevention of Terrorism Act. Drugs cartel from Northern Ireland infiltrating Scotland's drug supply stream in order to stream funds to UDA/UVF.

HMA v Y and others 2002

Mobbing and rioting and charges under the Prevention of Terrorism Act involving firearms and explosives. U.D.A.

Serious Sexual Offences

HMA v R 2014

Multiple rapes over a period of years. Issues of fitness to plead and diminished responsibility.

HMA v W 2014

Rape of three schoolgirls.

HMA v A 2013

Catalogue of incestuous sexual abuse including rape and sodomy. Also involved re-trial in 2014.

HMA v S 2013

Rape following release from prison for prior rape.

HMA v R and others 2010

Appeal relating to long running trial of the largest paedophile group prosecuted in Scotland.

HMA v L 2009

Series of rapes. Interpreter required.

HMA v B 2007/08

Catalogue of child abuse of dozens of boys in Salvation Army home over a substantial number of years. Preparation involved a vast number of social work records. In addition, consultations with numerous psychologists and psychiatrists were necessary

Unusual/Miscellaneous

HMA v W and others 2013

Appeal involving the legal aid regulations whereby solicitors could not charge for certain preparation. Detailed preparation for the appeal involved consideration of numerous regulations and cases. As a consequence of the judgement, the regulations were changed.

HMA v G 2012

Sensitive case, involving allegations of conspiracy, against a number of serving sheriffs and a law officer, to cover up a paedophile ring and in doing so, failing to prosecute the alleged rape of a young girl. Large media interest.

To Note/Other

Conducted many long and complex trials.

Dealt with cases involving vast quantities of papers, digital material and complex computer evidence.

Considerable experience in cases with scientific, medical, psychiatric and psychological issues. Also a wealth of experience in relation to pathology. Over the years have developed specialist interest in consulting with experts preparing for cross examination in these fields of expertise.

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