

Peter Gray QC (Scotland)

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Chambers UK 2020



Year of Call: 1992 QC: 2002 (Scotland)

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Peter Gray QC (2002 Scotland) is a leading practitioner in regulatory crime and, in particular, in the fields of health and safety, and environmental crime.

Peter has been instructed to appear on behalf of corporate accused in the most serious prosecutions, statutory appeals and high profile Fatal Accident Inquiries in recent years.

What others say:

"His main strength is his depth of knowledge." "He is undoubtedly one of the leading practitioners at the Scottish Health and Safety Bar; he is very calm, measured, has the ear of court and even has the respect of the prosecution when he is defending. Peter is incredibly bright and certainly a go-to person for the biggest health and safety cases." – Chambers UK 2020 (Listed as a Star Individual of the Bar in Health and Safety)

"The pre-eminent figure in regulatory and health and safety cases." – UK Legal 500 2020 (Scottish Bar)

"Incisive, vastly experienced and commercially minded." "He has an excellent manner with clients and is an accomplished advocate." – Chambers UK 2019 (Listed as a Star Individual of the Bar in Health and Safety)

"He combines intellect and gravitas with an open and approachable style." – UK Legal 500 2019

"Peter is recognised as the pre-eminent regulatory lawyer in Scotland and has an encyclopaedic

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knowledge of the relevant authorities....He is an excellent trial lawyer: he communicates so well with the jury, the Bench and the client.” – Chambers UK 2017 (Listed as a Star Individual of the Bar in Health and Safety)

“Standout silk with an enviable reputation at the Scottish Health and Safety Bar. He is an excellent trial lawyer: he communicates so well with the jury, the Bench and the client.” – Chambers UK 2016

“The pre-eminent practitioner at the Scottish Bar for health and safety and regulatory work, where his knowledge is unrivalled.” – Legal 500 2016

“His strengths lie in health and safety, and in environmental crime.” “An extremely capable and instinctive advocate.” – Legal 500 2016

Criminal Regulatory

Peter is consistently instructed in the most high profile cases in these fields and current instructions include:

- Representing **Scottish Water** in forthcoming health and safety prosecution arising out of death of employee in course of employment at waste treatment works.
- Representing **major international oil and gas producer** in forthcoming health and safety prosecution arising out of uncontrolled hydrocarbon release offshore.
- Representing **Leading Childcare Providers** in potential health and safety prosecution arising out of fatal incident in nursery.
- Representing **Shanks & Mcewan** in potential environmental prosecution relating to transfrontier shipment of waste.

Recent Cases

HMA v Tayside Health Board 2020

Representing THB in health and safety prosecution brought under section 3 of the HSWA 1974 arising from failings in management of ligature risk in acute psychiatric facility resulting in suicide of three patients.

HMA v BP Exploration Operating Company Limited 2019

Representing BP in health and safety prosecution brought under Section 3 of the HSWA 1974 arising from an uncontrolled hydrocarbon release at the Sullom Voe Terminal.

HMA v Sir Robert McAlpine Ltd 2018

Representing SRM Ltd in prosecution brought under Section 2 of the HSWA 1974, Regulation 3 of the MHSW Regulations 1999 and Regulation 22 of the CDM Regulations 2007, arising from an incident in October 2013 when an employee of SRM Ltd lost his life in the course of his employment as a result of a fall from height which occurred during the course of the construction of the Glasgow School of Art.

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HSE v Chevron North Sea Limited 2017

Representing Chevron in appeal to the Supreme Court brought by HSE against decision of Inner House refusing appeal brought by HSE against decision of Employment Tribunal in appeal against Prohibition Notice brought under Section 24 HSWA 1974.

Scottish Power Generation Ltd v HMA 2016

Representing SPG in appeal against sentence imposed in relation to a breach of section 2 of HSWA 1974 relating to serious injuries sustained by employee as a result of a failure by SPG to keep in good repair an industrial valve. Appeal was first in which the Appeal Court in Scotland has had opportunity to consider whether 2016 Sentencing Guidelines Council of England Guidelines should be adopted in Scotland.

PF v Sita UK Ltd

Represented Sita UK in relation to environmental prosecution brought under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999, and Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2000 regarding a landfill site and its control of leachate levels.

PF v Taqa Bratani Limited

Represented Taqa in environmental prosecution brought under Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005.

Inquests & Public Inquiries

As the leading practitioner in health and safety crime in Scotland, Peter has been instructed in the most serious and high profile Fatal Accident Inquiries relating to deaths in the workplace, and those deaths which have occurred in circumstances which have given rise to widespread public concern. Peter's current instructions in this area include:

- Representing **Veolia Water Outsourcing Ltd** in Fatal Accident Inquiry relating to death of employee in course of employment at waste water treatment plant.
- Representing **Total UK** in forthcoming Fatal Accident Inquiry relating to the Sumburgh Super Puma helicopter crash resulting in the deaths of three offshore workers.

Recent Cases

The Clutha Fatal Accident Inquiry 2019

Representing **Babcock Mission Control Services Onshore Limited** in Fatal Accident Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding crash of helicopter into Clutha Tavern in Glasgow in November 2013 resulting in multiple fatalities.

Liberton High School Fatal Accident Inquiry 2017

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Representing **City of Edinburgh Council** in Fatal Accident Inquiry relating to the death of a 12 year old schoolgirl who died as a result of the collapse of a wall in the changing room of Liberton High School in 2014.

Snowman Rally and Jim Clark Rally Fatal Accident Inquiries 2017

Representing the **Motor Sports Association** in the Snowman Rally and Jim Clark Rally Fatal Accident Inquiries relating to the circumstances surrounding the deaths of a number of spectators at rallies held in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

George Square “Bin Lorry” Fatal Accident Inquiry

Represented Glasgow City Council in FAI relating to deaths of members of the public who died when a refuse lorry mounted the pavement in city centre.

Superpuma Helicopter Fatal Accident Inquiry

Represented BP in FAI relating to deaths of offshore workers who died as result of catastrophic failure of Superpuma helicopter in course of transferring offshore personnel.

Accreditations



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