



Civil Justice Conference

Speaker CVs

Sheriff Alistair JM Duff

Director of the Judicial Institute for Scotland

Sheriff Duff was admitted as a solicitor in 1977. He worked as a procurator fiscal depute between 1977 and 1981 in Lanark, Hamilton, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Crown Office.

From 1981 until July 2004 he was in private practice in Edinburgh as a solicitor specialising exclusively in the area of criminal defence. He qualified as a solicitor advocate with criminal rights of audience in 1993 and subsequently conducted cases before the High Court of Justiciary. He was appointed as a resident sheriff in the sheriff court at Dundee in July 2004.

In September 2011 he was appointed Deputy Director of the then Judicial Studies Committee for Scotland, which became the Judicial Institute for Scotland on 1 January 2013. He was appointed Director of the Judicial Institute for Scotland on 1 September 2014.

He has formerly been a member of the following bodies:-

- Law Society Council
- SSC Council
- McInnes Committee on Summary Justice Reform
- McLeish Prisons Commission

The Rt Hon Lord Carloway

Lord President and Lord Justice General

Lord Carloway was appointed Lord President and Lord Justice General in December 2015 having held the position of Lord Justice Clerk and President of the Second Division of the Inner House from August 2012.

He is a graduate of Edinburgh University (LLB Hons) and was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1977. He served as an Advocate Depute from 1986 to 1989 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1990. From 1994 until his appointment as a Judge he was Treasurer of the Faculty of Advocates. He was appointed a Judge in 2000.

He was editor of "Green's Litigation Styles". He contributed the chapters on "Court of Session Practice" to the Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia and both "Expenses" and "Decrees and Interlocutors" in Court of Session Practice.

He led a review of the law and practice in light of the United Kingdom Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Cadder v HM Advocate*. His report into criminal law and practice was published in November 2011.

Lord Carloway was the joint editor of "Parliament House Portraits: the Art Collection of the Faculty of Advocates" and is a former president of the Scottish Arts Club.

Professor Richard Susskind OBE

Professor Richard Susskind OBE is President of the Society for Computers and Law, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Oxford Internet Institute, the founder of Remote Courts Worldwide (www.remotecourts.org) and, since 1998, has been Technology Adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales. He chaired the Online Dispute Resolution Advisory Group of the Civil Justice Council (2014-2015).

Professor Susskind has been working on law and technology for 40 years and is the world's most cited author on the future of legal services. His work has been translated into 18 languages and he has been invited to speak in more than 60 countries. He has written ten books, including *The Future of Law* (1996), *Transforming the Law* (2000), *The End of Lawyers?* (2008), *The Future of the Professions* (2015, with D Susskind) *Tomorrow's Lawyers* (2013, 2017), and *Online Courts and the Future of Justice* (2019). In the 1980s, he wrote his doctorate on artificial intelligence and the law at Balliol College, Oxford.

He holds professorships at Oxford University, University College London, Gresham College, and Strathclyde University. A Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the British Computer Society, and an Honorary Bencher at Gray's Inn, he was awarded an OBE in 2000.

Sir Julian Flaux, Chancellor of the High Court

Sir Julian Flaux was called to the Bar in 1978 and practised at the Commercial Bar from 1979 to 2007 specialising in disputes involving insurance and reinsurance, shipping, international trade and professional negligence. He was appointed a QC in

1994, an Assistant Recorder of the Crown Court in 1997, a Recorder in 2000 and Deputy High Court Judge in 2002.

He was appointed a High Court Judge in May 2007. He was Presiding Judge of the Midland Circuit from 2010 to 2013. He was Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court from July 2014 to December 2015 and President of the Special Immigration Appeals Commission from January to December 2016.

He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in December 2016 and Lead Judge for International Relations in November 2019.

In February 2020, he was appointed as the Supervising Lord Justice of the Commercial Court.

Sir Julian was appointed Chancellor of the High Court in February 2021.

The Hon Lady Wise (Morag Wise)

Lady Wise was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Courts in February 2013, having acted as a temporary judge in the Court of Session since 2008.

She is a graduate of the University of Aberdeen and of McGill University, Montreal.

She qualified as a solicitor in 1989 and worked for Morton Fraser from 1989 to 1992, dealing in general civil litigation. She became an advocate in 1993, working in civil litigation and specialising in family law.

In 2005 she became a Queen's Counsel and has been a member of the Disciplinary Tribunal of the Faculty of Advocates since 2005.

John MacGregor QC

John MacGregor QC called to the bar in 2007 and took silk in 2020. He specializes in commercial and public law. He has appeared at all levels of the Court structure including eight cases in the Supreme Court. He is a member of the Equality and Human Rights Commission's A panel of Counsel and was a standing junior to the Advocate General for Scotland from 2009 until 2021. In addition to his work at the bar, he sits as a chair of the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland and the Medical Practitioner's Tribunal.

Amanda Millar

President of the Law Society of Scotland

Amanda Millar is a Scottish solicitor of long-standing who has committed her career to giving a voice to the under-represented. Admitted to the roll of Scottish solicitors in 1998, she was the first solicitor in Scotland accredited by the Law Society in both Mental Health Law and Incapacity & Mental Disability Law. She is a keen advocate for the profession, determined to ensure that the value of a diverse membership is promoted and shared, and that the circumstances which allow diversity to thrive are created, supported and maintained across the legal sector. Amanda has held a wide variety of paid and volunteer roles throughout her career. She has practised as a litigator in firms across Scotland and until 2019 she was a Partner with McCash & Hunter Solicitors in Perth. As partner she was responsible for trainee recruitment and training. This has been a feature throughout her career with having been either a tutor or lecturer in law at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of Dundee previously.

As an SCVO Policy Committee Member and as board member then Chair of Mindspace Ltd Amanda used her skills and experience to support organisations and policy discussions in the third sector. She was also the first non-executive Chair of Changing the Chemistry (SCIO) holding that post until September 2019. As a representative of the profession, Amanda was first elected to the Law Society's Council in 2010 and has served on a number of its committees. She is currently appointed as Safeguarder, reporter or curator ad litem in courts and Tribunals, Co-Chair of IoD Scotland' Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and the President of the Law Society of Scotland.

The Right Hon Lord Pentland (Paul Cullen)

Lord Pentland was appointed as a Senator of the College of Justice in November 2008. Between 2014 and 2018 he was chairman (part-time) of the Scottish Law Commission. He was elevated to the Inner House in July 2020.

He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1982 and became a Queen's Counsel in 1995. He served as an advocate depute between 1991 and 1994.

In 1995, he was appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland and held this office until the general election in 1997. He then returned to practice at the Bar, specialising in commercial and public law.

Earlier in his career, Lord Pentland was standing junior counsel to the Department of the Environment in Scotland. He also held appointments as Chairman of the Police Appeals Tribunal and as Chairman of the Appeal Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland. Between April 2001 and May 2002, he was

Chairman of the Public Inquiry into a serious incident of limestone mining subsidence in the Gilmerton area of Edinburgh.

Following his elevation to the Bench, Lord Pentland was appointed in 2010 as a part-time member of the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber). He has also been an intellectual property Judge.

Sheriff Principal Aisha Anwar

South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway

Aisha Anwar was appointed Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway in April, 2020. She was appointed as a part-time sheriff in 2011 and a resident sheriff at Glasgow Sheriff Court in 2014 and has been a designated family law and commercial law sheriff.

She graduated from the University of Edinburgh (LLB Hons) in 1996 and from the University of Oxford (Bachelor of Civil Law) in 1998. She joined Maclay Murray and Spens in 1998 as a trainee, was admitted as a solicitor in 2000 and became an associate in 2003. From 2009 to 2012 she became a partner and head of litigation for Scotland in a global law firm.

She co-authored the Civil Bench Book for Sheriffs on behalf of the Judicial Institute and was appointed to the Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service Board in 2018.

In 2017, she provided a letter to the children involved in a contact dispute (*Patrick v Patrick*), which explained her decision in plain simple language. It was praised by those working in family law, and featured in a performance of *Letters Live* during the Edinburgh International Festival.

Roddy Dunlop QC

Dean, Faculty of Advocates

Roddy Dunlop QC is Dean of Faculty. He has served in all three senior Office Bearer roles, having been Treasurer of Faculty between 2017 and 2020 and having been elected Vice Dean shortly before the imposition of lockdown in 2020. As Vice Dean, he was responsible for Faculty's initial response to the COVID-19 restrictions. He has been Dean of Faculty since June 2020, and continues to liaise with the Courts, the Law Society and Government, amongst other parties, regarding the administration of justice in these trying times. He continues to run a busy practice, and is the only Scottish silk to be ranked in seven separate practice areas by Chambers UK, who place him as a Band 1 Silk in the areas of professional

discipline, professional negligence, commercial dispute resolution, media law, medical negligence and public procurement.

Vikki Melville

Vikki is currently Managing Partner for Scotland. She is a highly experienced litigator acting on behalf of insurance and commercial companies, dealing with a wide range of disputes throughout the Scottish Courts but particularly in the Court of Session, Edinburgh. Vikki's practice covers catastrophic and large loss RTA claims, indemnity and coverage issues, high value EL and PL claims, and general insurance liability disputes. Vikki is also one of the few practitioners in Scotland who is ranked no 1 in Chambers for the personal injury defender category

Vikki also takes a keen interest in Scottish Government reforms, legislative and lobbying processes, and has contributed to several working party consultation responses. She was elected a Council member of the Law Society of Scotland in 2014, serving a three year term which concluded in May 2017. She currently sits on the Scottish Foil special focus team for fraud and on the UK SFT for Motor. She also sits on the firm's Casualty Strategy Operation Group, the UK Casualty division's senior leadership executive, and on the Scottish strategy Board. Vikki also sits on the firm's UK female leadership group and is actively involved in mentoring and championing our early careers programme.

The Hon Lord Tyre (Colin Tyre CBE)

Lord Tyre was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Courts in May 2010. He is currently a commercial judge in the Court of Session.

He was educated at the University of Edinburgh, and holds a Diplome d'Etudes Supérieures from the University of Aix-Marseille.

Between 1980 and 1983, he lectured in law at Edinburgh University and was subsequently employed as a tax editor with CCH Editions Ltd, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

He became an advocate in 1987 and was appointed as a Queen's Counsel in 1998.

He served as a part-time Scottish law commissioner between 2003 and 2009. In 2007, he was elected president of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe (CCBE), the representative body of the legal profession in the European Union, having previously been head of the UK delegation.

In 2010, he was awarded a CBE for services to the administration of justice in connection with his work with the CCBE.

He is a member of the Judicial Council for Scotland, and is one of the representatives of the Council on the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary. From 2012-2019 he was a member of the board of trustees of the Academy of European Law in Trier, Germany

His publications include the CCH Inheritance Tax Reporter, of which he was author and also editor until 2000, and various contributions on taxation to the Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia. He was co-author of Tax For Litigation Lawyers (2000).

Sheriff Wendy Sheehan

Lothian & Borders

Wendy Sheehan was appointed as a sheriff in 2011 having served as a part time sheriff between 2005 and 2011. She is President of the Sheriffs' Association.

She sits on a number of Scottish Government committees in relation to family and adoption matters. She regularly delivers training for the Judicial Institute on family law, adoption and case management topics. She is a regular speaker at conferences and training events for solicitors, children's panel members and curators. She has recently written the family law chapter and consulted on the adoption chapter of the fourth edition of MacPhail - Sheriff Court Practice.

Admitted as a solicitor in 1991, she was accredited by the Law Society of Scotland as a family law specialist and as a family law mediator. She was a founding director of niche family law practice SKO, consistently ranked as one of Scotland top three family law firms.

She is a former convenor, trainer and assessor for CALM and has undertaken over 100 mediations. She was a founder member of FLAGS (arbitration), wrote the rules for the scheme and is now FLAGS' training convenor.

Ruth Innes QC

Ruth Innes practises in the area of family law. She is the Chair of the Advocates' Family Law Association. She is a member of the Court of Session Family Actions User Group and the Covid-19 Discussion Group. She is a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Gordon Dalyell

Gordon Dalyell qualified as a solicitor in 1990, and joined Digby Brown, as a partner, in 1998. He heads up the Network Department. He has wide experience in dealing with many areas of personal injury, including accidents at work, and road traffic accidents, as well as fatal accident claims and claims for miscarriages of justice.

Gordon obtained rights of audience as a Solicitor-Advocate (civil) in 2003. He has been accredited as a specialist in Personal Injury Law by the Law Society of Scotland. He is ranked in both the current Legal 500 and Chambers UK Guides. He is a Fellow of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) and has been the Executive Committee member for Scotland since 2010. He was President of the Association for 2019 - 2020, having been Vice-President in 2017 and 2018. He has given evidence, on behalf of the Association, to the Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster, and to the Justice, and Economy, Energy, and Fair Work Committees at Holyrood. He has been involved in responding to consultations from, and engaging with, government at both UK and Scottish level. He is a member of JUSTICE, and was involved in the establishment of JUSTICE Scotland in 2012.

The Rt Hon Lady Dorrian

Lord Justice Clerk

Lady Dorrian was installed as Lord Justice Clerk and President of the Second Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session in April 2016. She was appointed a judge of the Supreme Courts in 2005, having served as a temporary judge since 2002. She was appointed to the Inner House in November 2012.

She is a graduate of the University of Aberdeen (LLB). She was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1981 and was Standing Junior Counsel to the Health and Safety Executive and Commission between 1987 and 1994.

Lady Dorrian served as an advocate depute between 1988 and 1991, and as Standing Junior to the Department of Energy between 1991 and 1994. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1994. Between 1997 and 2001, she was a member of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.