

John Brannigan

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PROFILE

Highly focused and ambitious with strong communication and interpersonal skills. Organised, able to prioritise tasks and work successfully under pressure on an individual basis or as part of a team.

LEGAL CAREER

Faculty of Advocates, Scotland (June 2021 – Present)

Advocate

Faculty of Advocates, Scotland (October 2020 – June 2021)

Devil

- Undertaking a period of deviling at the Scottish Bar with a view to calling as an Advocate.
- Involved in a highly diverse range of work including criminal law, regulatory work, professional disciplinary cases, employment law and personal injury.
- Engaged in the preparation of Crown prosecutions including several rape cases.
- Attending courts to observe trials and attending locus visits along with my devilmaster and instructing agents.
- Drafting criminal pleadings including a Note of Appeal, Written Record, Defence Statement and Opinions.

Russells Gibson McCaffrey, Glasgow (June 2016 – September 2020)

Solicitor & Notary Public

Criminal Litigation

- Regularly conducted trials at both summary and solemn level in Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland.
- Conducting VIPERS and attending at police stations to provide advice to clients being interviewed or in custody.
- Responsible for preparing cases and instructing Counsel in the High Court.

Civil Litigation

- Daily court appearances at Glasgow Sheriff Court in civil hearings including guardianship applications, heritable cases, debt cases and child welfare hearings.
- Representation provided to clients in the children's panel system.

Specialised Interest

- Developed a new Mental Health Law practice unit in the firm through appointment as a Curator by the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland.
- Exclusive responsibility for the preparation and conduct of all Mental Health cases within the firm.

Previous Employers:

Campbell & McCartney Solicitors, Glasgow (2015-2016); Fleming & Reid Solicitor Advocates, Glasgow (2014 – 2015); and Gallen & Co Solicitors, Glasgow (2013 – 2014)

EDUCATION

The University of Glasgow (2007-2012)

Postgraduate Qualification

Diploma in Professional Legal Practice – *Merit*

- Criminal Litigation (A); Advanced Criminal Litigation (A); Civil Litigation (A); Advanced Civil Litigation (A); Family Law and Practice (B); Conveyancing (B); Private Client (B); Business, Ethics, Financial and Practice Awareness (B)

Undergraduate Degree

LL.B. (Hons) - *First Class*

- Criminal Law and Justice (A); Medical Law and Ethics (A); Genetics and the Law (A); Human Reproduction and the Law (A); Civil Jurisdiction and Evidence (B)
- Dissertation: “The Fiscal Fine Alternative to Prosecution: Should it be Abolished?” (B)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Current coach of the Vis International Arbitration Moot team at the University of Edinburgh.
- Awarded the Lord Hope scholarship for deviling at the Faculty of Advocates.
- Publication of a series of popular articles on the Law Society of Scotland website aimed at giving practical guidance for those studying law, those in their traineeship and newly qualified solicitors appearing in court for the first time.
- Previously appointed as a mentor to two students studying the Diploma in Professional Legal Practice through the ‘Glasgow Legal 40’ initiative at the University of Glasgow.
- Finalist for Trainee Solicitor of the Year in 2014.
- School of Law Student Representative during both junior and senior honours years.
- Dux of St. Stephens High School.