



Year of call 2013

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Areas of Practice

Employment & Discrimination, Family, Land & Property and Public Law & Equality

Profile

After practising as a solicitor for 17 years in both the public and private sectors, Julie called to the Bar in 2013. As a solicitor in private practice Julie specialised in commercial litigation with an emphasis on property litigation. She has experience as a solicitor in a wide range of property related disputes in both the sheriff court and the Court of Session. In the public sector Julie advised Council committees on a range of legal issues and was the Legal Advisor to East Ayrshire's Adoption and Fostering Panel. Julie also represented the Council in the sheriff court, at tribunal and in other forums in respect of a range of Council interests including planning; education; social work; housing and employment. Julie is a Legally Qualified Chair of the Scottish Social Services Council. In 2018 Julie was appointed as a Standing Junior Counsel to the Scottish Government and has been appointed to the new panel of Scottish Counsel for EHRC Scotland. Julie is a part-time tutor on the Diploma in Legal Practise at the University of Glasgow. Julie has a particular interest in Education Law.

Qualifications

LLB (Hons 2:1) 1991

Diploma in Legal Practice, 1992

Qualified as a solicitor - 16th December 1993

Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (Qualified in England and Wales) 1996

Co- editor of The Law of Dilapidations in Scotland, 2nd edition

Co- editor of the Stair Encyclopaedia Education edition (2nd re-issue)

Representative Cases

ABC v Principal Reporter (In Re XY) [2020] 1 WLR 2703

Orkney Marine Farms Limited v Lord Advocate 2021 CSOH 112

McDonald v Scottish Ministers 2020 SLT 193

Ramoyle Developments Ltd v Scottish Borders Council 2020 SC 290; 2019 SLT 284

Commodity Solutions Services Ltd v First Scottish Searching Services Ltd [2019] SC (SAC) 41

Paton v Scottish Ministers 2019 SAC (Civ) 31

City of Edinburgh Council v R 2018 SC 399

Caven v Irvine Housing Association 2018 SLT 401

Jones v Muir 2015 3 WLUK 274

Appointments

Standing Junior Counsel to the Scottish Government
Legally Qualified Chair for the Scottish Social Services Council
Member of the Panel of Scottish Counsel for the EHRC