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Areas of Practice

Public Law, Fatal Accident Inquiries, Employment, Land & Property, Adoption, Social Work, Title Disputes, Housing, European Union, and Constitutional Law.

Profile

Iain called to the Bar in 2022 as a Faculty Scholar. He specialises in public law, including immigration and asylum, retained EU law, human rights, and judicial review.

Iain regularly drafts petitions for judicial review and prepares notes of argument and grounds of appeal for immigration cases. He frequently appears in the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration & Asylum Chamber) on behalf of both appellants and the Secretary of State. In April 2022 Iain was appointed as a Nominated Presenting Officer by the Office of the Advocate General. Notwithstanding this appointment, he is free to accept instructions on behalf of petitioners and appellants.

During his time as a solicitor, Iain regularly appeared in the immigration tribunal in complex criminal deportation, EEA, human rights, and asylum appeals. He has litigated several cases in which the best interests of the child were a key issue. He has developed a particular specialism in EU free movement law and the EU Settlement Scheme. He was also involved in a Sheriff Court action for damages seeking reparation following detention of fishing vessels by the Home Office.

Iain has provided advice on the immigration implications of overseas surrogacy arrangements, recognition of foreign adoptions, marriages, and divorces, and the process for bringing a child to the UK for the purposes of adoption. He delivered a presentation on the interaction between immigration and family law at CLT Scotland's Family Law Conference in October 2022.

Iain has represented numerous clients charged with facilitating illegal immigration and, whilst devilling, assisted Defence Counsel with a six week trial involving historic sexual offences. Whilst instructed as Crown Junior, Iain has experience of Fatal Accident Inquiries, having been instructed in a six week inquiry into the deaths of two young prisoners at Polmont Young Offenders Institution. Iain has also assisted with the prosecution of serious crimes in the High Court as a Crown Junior, assisting with the prosecution of serious crimes in the High Court. During his period of devilling, and since calling, Iain has gained experience of employment law matters. He has been instructed in Employment Tribunal claims involving discrimination, equal pay, victimisation, unfair dismissal, and the fixed term contract regulations.

Iain also has a keen interest in property law. He has provided opinions on property law matters, such as the enforceability of a real burden, and, whilst devilling, attended hearings at the Lands Tribunal and Court of Session in cases involving boundary disputes.

Whilst devilling, Iain also gained experience of commercial procedure, drafting pleadings for breach of contract and professional negligence actions, and opinions on issues such as implied contractual terms and enforceability of a standard security.

Profile (continued)

In June 2022 Iain was appointed as Standing Junior Counsel to the Faculty of Advocates Complaints Committee & Disciplinary Tribunal.

Whilst devilling Iain worked for the Citizens Rights Project as a Welfare Rights Officer, drafting information sheets outlining the requirements EU citizens need to meet to access benefits. Iain also regularly writes for the Free Movement blog.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws with Honours of the First Class, University of Glasgow, 2013
- Diploma in Professional Legal Practice, University of Aberdeen, 2014

Devilmasters

- David Massaro (commercial contracts, property, professional negligence, judicial review)
- Tim Haddow (public law, immigration, human rights)
- Janice Green (criminal)