



Year of Call

2006

Devil Masters

Ruth Crawford QC

Thomas L Ross



Practice Profile

B.J. Gill has a general practice in public and commercial law, particularly in:

immigration and asylum (Standing Junior to the Secretary of State for the Home Department since 2012);

valuation for rating (he regularly appears in valuation appeal committees throughout Scotland, as well as the Lands Valuation Appeal Court and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland, and is retained by the Assessors for Lothian, Ayrshire, Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire);

planning and energy infrastructure (he has advised statutory utility companies in relation to planning and Electricity Act consents, as well as electricity and telecoms wayleaves).

Other recent matters include drafting a statutory development consent order for the Ferrybridge Multifuel 2 (FM2) Power Station, an English nationally significant infrastructure project under the Planning Act 2008; advising in a financial inquiry relating to Rangers FC; and appearing as junior counsel for Greater Glasgow Health Board in the Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry

Education & Professional Career to Date

Assistant Parliamentary Counsel, Whitehall (2003-05)

Associate, Corporate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London (2002-03)

Vice President, Aircraft Principal Finance Group, Morgan Stanley (2000-02)

Associate, Corporate, Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York and London (1995-2000)

BA (Hons) in English and French (Oxford, 1992); LLB (Edinburgh, 1994); LLM (Pennsylvania, 1995)

Appointments

- Standing Junior to the Advocate General for Scotland, primarily in relation to Home Office/UK Border Agency matters (2012–present)
- Attorney and Counsellor at Law and Member of New York State Bar (1995–present)

Selected Cases

- **Imperial Tobacco Ltd v Lord Advocate [2012] UKSC61 (Supreme Court); [2012] CSIH 9, 2012 SC 297 (Inner House); and [2010] CSOH 134, 2010 SLT 1203**
Public law. This was the first challenge to provisions of an Act of the Scottish Parliament on the ground that they were not within legislative competence because they related to the specific reservations in the list of reserved matters contained in Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998
- **Sinclair Collis Ltd v Lord Advocate [2012] CSIH 80 (Inner House); and [2011] CSOH 80, 2011 SLT 620 (Outer House)**
Public law. This was a challenge to a provision of an Act of the Scottish Parliament on the ground that it was incompatible with EU law because it was an unjustified restriction on one of the four fundamental freedoms and a disproportionate interference with the petitioner's rights under Article 1 of Protocol 1 to the Convention; and that the Scottish Parliament had failed to comply with the requirements of the Technical Standards Directive
- **Vale of Leven Hospital Inquiry (2010-12)**
Public inquiry. A public inquiry set up by the Scottish Ministers under the chairmanship of Lord MacLean to investigate the occurrence of Clostridium difficile infection and associated deaths at the Vale of Leven Hospital in 2007 and 2008 (junior counsel for Greater Glasgow Health Board)

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Commercial
- Property
- Public and Fatal Accident Inquiries
- Public Law