



Year of Call

2006

Devil Masters

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Practice Profile

Frank has a general civil practice with a particular emphasis on family and property law. He is regularly instructed in all areas of family law, including financial provision on divorce and separation, cohabitation, contact and residence, international child abduction, adoption, permanence orders, and referrals. Frank's reputation for property law - housing law, in particular - places him among the foremost legal advisers in this field.

Variously described as "expert", "personable" and "popular with clients", Frank takes a sympathetic and pragmatic approach to instructions. He advises public and private organisations, insurance companies and individuals, always responding swiftly and efficiently. Frank welcomes telephone and email enquiries from agents and direct access organisations in addition to formal instructions via his clerk.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Partner and Solicitor, Kerr & Co (1995-2005)

Trainee Solicitor, W & J Burness WS (1993-95)

BA (Hons); LLB; Diploma in Legal Practice

Appointments

- Member of the Family Law Arbitration Group Scotland (FLAGS) (2015–present)
- Senior Tutor, Civil Court Practice, Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Stirling
- Legal Advisor to the Association of Residential Letting Agents

- Part-time Tutor, School of Law, University of Strathclyde (1993–1998)
- Law School Advisory Panel, University of Stirling

Selected Cases

- **Murtaza v Murtaza [2012] Fam LR 14**
Petition for suspension of Sheriff Court contact interlocutor
- **TLMP [2012] CSOH 121**
Hague Convention petition. Habitual residence, consent, acquiescence, settlement
- **B v R [2009] Fam LR 146**
Contempt of Court. 'Wilful and intentional' failure to return child after contact
- **T, Petitioner [2007] SLT 543**
Hague Convention petition. Issue of 'rights of custody'
- **Lavelle v Lavelle [2001] GWD 4-144**
Action by child against father for private school fees
- **Lorimer v Griffiths, 21 December 2012, Sheriff Arthurson, Edinburgh Sheriff Court**
Eviction action. Question of whether tenant had allowed 'full inspection' under suspended decree; meaning of 'inspection'
- **Smylie Inns Limited v Ahmed & Anr, 9 March 2011, Sheriff Douglas, Paisley Sheriff Court**
Rare action under Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004
- **Taylor v Sandeman [2011] GWD 35-733**
Conveyancing negligence; issue of prescription
- **Rodel Superquarry Planning Enquiry, 1994-95**
Property matter
- **Fitness Solutions Scotland Limited v Park EAT (Scotland), 13 November 2009**
Unfair dismissal
- Representation and opinion work on mental health and incapacity

Areas of Practice

- Clinical and Professional Negligence
- Family
- Property

Publications & Seminars

Speaker at various seminars and conferences on property and family law

The Letting Handbook, contributing author

Property and Letting Management course for Manchester College of Arts and Technology, Scottish author

Scottish Basic and Advanced legal courses for ARLA and NAEA, author

Contributor to SCOLAG and Agreement

Directories

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