



STEPHEN DONNELLY



Year of Call

2015

Devil Masters

Morag Ross Q.C.

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Practice Profile

Stephen has a broad civil practice spanning all aspects of public law, human rights, commercial litigation, and arbitration. He has further experience in employment law, VAT, and European Union law.

Before joining the Bar, Stephen spent a year as judicial assistant to Lord Kerr at the Supreme Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, where he gained invaluable experience working on both substantive appeals and applications for permission to appeal. As the only member of the Scottish Bar to have served in that role, he is uniquely placed to provide advice and appellate advocacy in cases from the Sheriff Appeal Court onwards.

Stephen also practises as a barrister at Essex Court Chambers in London.

Education & Professional Career to Date

Barrister, Essex Court Chambers (2016-now)

Devil (Lord Reid Scholar), Faculty of Advocates (2014-15)

Judicial assistant to Lord Kerr, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (2013-14)

Trainee solicitor, Simpson & Marwick (now Clyde & Co) (2009-11)

Intern through N.G.O. Reprieve at Gulf Region Advocacy Center, Houston, Texas (2009)

LL.M., Yale Law School (Fulbright Scholar) (2012-13)

B.C.L., Lincoln College, Oxford (2011-12)

M.Sc. philosophy, University of Edinburgh (part-time 2009-11)

Diploma in Legal Practice, Glasgow Graduate School of Law (2008-09)

LL.B, University of Glasgow (2004-08)

Appointments

- Tutor in international & public law, University of Edinburgh (2014–2015)
- Teaching fellow in public law, University College London (2013–2014)
- Tutor in international law, King's College London (2013–2014)
- Editorial board, Yale Journal of International Law (2012–2013)

Areas of Practice

- Commercial
- Employment, Discrimination and Harassment
- Media Law, Privacy and Defamation
- Public Law
- Taxation

Publications & Seminars

'No consensus on consensus', with Luzius Wildhaber & Arnaldur Hjartarson 33 HRLJ 248-263 (article co-authored with former President of the European Court of Human Rights analysing the role of consensus among states in developing Convention obligations).

Additional Information

Fluent in French

Working knowledge of Italian & Spanish