



**Year of Call**  
2006

**Devil Masters**  
Lady Haldane  
Jamie Gilchrist KC



## Practice Profile

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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 - division and sale, in particular - places him among the foremost legal advisers in this field. In addition, Frank accepts instruction in the field of trusts and succession.

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

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Partner and Solicitor, Kerr & Co (1995-2005)  
Trainee Solicitor, W & J Burness WS (1993-95)

BA (Hons); LLB; Diploma in Legal Practice

MSc

## Appointments

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- Affiliate member, Glasgow Law and Philosophy Network (2022–present)

- Member of the Family Law Arbitration Group Scotland (FLAGS) (2015–present)
- Lecturer in law, Universities of Stirling and Aberdeen
- Senior Tutor, Civil Court Practice, Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Stirling
- Law School Advisory Panel, University of Stirling

## Selected Cases

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- **King v Adam 2023 SLT (Sh Ct) 101**  
First recognition of the *condictio ob causam finitam* in Scots law, unjust enrichment applied in the context of two friends living together.
- **ABC v Principal Reporter 2020 SC (UKSC) 47**  
Role of siblings in the Children's Hearing system.
- **Mackay v Mackay 2018 SLT (Sh Ct) 233**  
Valuation of crofts for succession purposes.
- **Rivendale v Clark 2015 SC 558**  
Complex title dispute involving rectification of Land Register.
- **Collins v Sweeney 13 March 2014, Sheriff Principal Scott, Glasgow.**  
Division and sale - whether proprietor had right to buy co-proprietor out.
- **Aird Geomatics Ltd v Stevenson 2015 SLT 329**  
Recall of interim interdict generally raises presumption that interdict wrongfully obtained.

## Areas of Practice

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- Family
- Property

## Publications & Seminars

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Contributing Editor, Butterworths Family Law Service

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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