



Candidates for the Solicitor Advocate co-opted seat on the Council of the Law Society of Scotland

1. Douglas Jaap
2. Anthony Jones QC
3. Thomas Marshall
4. Iain Paterson



Candidate Information

This completed form also to be emailed to David Cullen by 30 August 2017.

Name: Douglas William Jaap

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

LL.B. (Hons) Dip.L.P. N.P. W.S.

Civil Solicitor Advocate since 2004

Solicitor in England and Wales since 2004

Accredited Employment Specialist by the Law Society of Scotland until October 2020

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 1990 Scotland 2004 England and Wales

Current self-employed/employed/unemployed position (please provide detail):

Owner and Director of DWJ Law my own legal firm focussing on Civil Dispute Resolution for businesses and individuals. Advising on Employment issues, contractual, licensing and commercial disputes, Firm was established in early 2017.

Service to solicitor advocates and community:

Member of the Society of Solicitor Advocates

Secretary of the Scottish Ducati Owners Club

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Douglas w Jaap has been in Professional practice for over Twenty Five years. He has been a Civil Solicitor Advocate since 2004 and prior to that practiced in both Civil and Criminal court work. He is Accredited as a Specialist in Employment Law by the Law Society of Scotland and is a member of their Employment Law Sub-committee. Douglas is also qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales. He has been a litigator throughout his career.

He has been a Partner in both small (two partner) medium (two to twenty partners) and large (over twenty partner) firms. He recently set up his own practice JAAPLAW Limited trading as DWJ LAW.

He currently practices in Scotland servicing a mixture of Business and Private Clients in the areas of Employment and Dispute Resolution. He also advises clients in England and Wales on Employment matters.

As a Solicitor Advocate he has appeared in the Outer and Inner House of the Court of Session. He hopes to complete the set by appearing in the Supreme Court.

As a Council member representing Solicitor Advocates he would seek to ensure that the Criminal Solicitor Advocates branch is more readily understood and funded appropriately by the Legal Aid Board.

For Civil practitioners he seeks to promote greater understanding of their role among other solicitor members of the profession to ensure that the Public ,who we all serve, get the best, most efficient and cost effective solution to whatever legal problems they face.

Douglas William Jaap





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Candidate Information

Name: Antony Gerald Morrell Jones QC

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

MA (Edinburgh), LLB (Dundee), DipLP (Dundee), NP, WS, TD, Solicitor Advocate (1999)

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 1991

Current self-employed/employed/unemployed position (please provide detail):

Self Employed – Partner – head of Commercial Dispute Resolution at Bto Solicitors LLP

Service to solicitor advocates and community:

Approximately 2000 to date a member of the Rights of Audience Committee.

2015 to date a member of the Information Communication Technology Committee within the Scottish Civil Justice Council.

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If elected I would have two aims:

First to bring to the Council an enhanced understanding of the challenges faced by solicitor advocates practicing before both the civil and criminal courts.

Second to promote a constructive dialogue between the Society, as representing solicitor advocates and the judiciary and Faculty.

Scotland is a small jurisdiction and in order for it to survive and prosper those who deliver its legal services must work together. In order to work together all areas of our legal community ought to have an informed understanding and mutual respect for one another.

Anthony Gerald Morrell Jones QC





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Candidate Information

Name: Thomas Graham Marshall

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

LLB

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 1984

Current self-employed/employed/unemployed position (please provide detail):

Director, Tom Marshall Limited

Service to solicitor advocates and community:

Past President of Society of Solicitor Advocates (2010-16), previously civil vice president, and committee member since 2000. Currently training convener of the SSA.

President Inverkeithing Community Big Band 2017-

Previously Chair Fife Opera 1999-2000, Chair Dunfermline East Constituency Labour Party 1992-99.

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I welcome the Law Society's decision to create a new constituency for the representation of solicitor advocates on the Council. Successive Presidents of the Law Society have provided excellent support to solicitor advocates during a challenging period but this new position means that solicitor advocates will have a direct voice on Council.

I see the Council member's role as ensuring that the Law Society continues to support its solicitor advocate members and in particular making sure

1. Suitable training in advocacy skills for would-be and current solicitor advocates in the light of the new practice rules is available.
2. Solicitor advocacy is appropriately remunerated, both in legally aided cases and in statutory tables of fees.
3. Admission and assessment procedures are both fair and robust to ensure the high quality of representation by solicitor advocates is maintained.

I have been a long-term member of the committee of the Society of Solicitor Advocates, latterly as President for six years. I am one of the most experienced solicitor advocates in practice, having qualified in 1994 and practised exclusively as a solicitor advocate since 2001. I can provide a strong voice on behalf of solicitor advocates on Council.

Thomas Graham Marshall





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Candidate Information

Name: Iain M. Paterson

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

LLB Dip LP, NP, Solicitor Advocate 2002, Accredited as a Senior Solicitor Advocate (2011 & 2016)

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 1990

Current self-employed/employed/unemployed position (please provide detail):

Self Employed, Director at Paterson Bell Ltd

Service to solicitor advocates and community:

Committee member of the Society of Solicitor Advocates 2003-2016, Secretary 2010-2016.

Previous member of Criminal Legal Aid Negotiation Team.

Currently a member of LSS Solicitor Advocate Working Group.

Solicitor Advocate representative in The Sheriff Appeal Court Working Group.

Lecture for Update, SYLA, Society of Solicitor Advocates, various local faculties.

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I work almost exclusively using my extended rights of audience undertaking High Court trials and Criminal appeals. I am instructed by many law firms to represent their clients in High Court trials and Appeals. I regularly lecture about appeals and criminal law.

I have been a SOLAD for almost 15 years, if elected I will continue to encourage and support solicitors to become solicitor advocates. I have given a lot of time over the years in the furtherance of SOLADs and I will continue to do so.

Having been involved with the Society of Solicitor Advocates for about 14 years as a committee member and then secretary I appreciate the challenges SOLADs can face, those are challenges which I believe together we can tackle effectively and efficiently.

I was determined that SOLADs needed a voice in the Council of the LSS and I am delighted we are to have one. It will make a big difference to SOLADs in my view.

If elected as Council member I will be available and approachable, I would arrange regular meetings (as I have personally arranged in the past) to allow the issues that arise to be discussed and views sought from all. I believe that together can achieve positive progress for SOLADs in a transparent and open way.

Iain Michael Paterson

