



Candidates for the International Member co-opted seat on the Council of the Law Society of Scotland

1. Alasdair Campbell
2. Siobhan Kahmann
3. Robert MacLean
4. Kirsty McIver
5. Anthony Murray



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Candidate Information

Name: Alasdair Duncan Bowie Campbell

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

BA in Commerce; and
LLB in Scots Law.

Date of Admission as a solicitor:

05/11/2004

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

Citibank Europe plc

Service to international members and community:

None to date but if elected would look to change that.

Please write a personal statement as to why you wish to stand for this co-opted seat on Council (up to 250 words). This will be shared with constituents during the election process.

Dear all,

I have been a qualified Scottish Solicitor for nearly 13 years but in all of that time I have only spent 4 years practicing in Scotland. The majority of my time working since qualification has been international based in Dublin and the Cayman Islands. During this time I have become more and more aware of the number of fellow Scottish lawyers working abroad in place such as Europe, the Far East and the Caribbean and America.

Whilst the number of society members based internationally in no way compares to the number of Scottish based colleagues there is still a reasonable number and I believe that I and my international colleagues should be represented and considered when decisions are made by the Council. On that basis I feel that my experience of being an international based solicitor and my personality would enable me to properly represent the Law Societies' international members.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Candidate Information

Name:

Siobhan Louise McCarville Kahmann (nee Egan)

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

LL.B (Hons) University of Aberdeen

LL.M Universiteit van Amsterdam

DLP University of Edinburgh

QLTT College of Law

Solicitor: Scotland, England & Wales, Ireland

Registered on the European List of the Brussels French Speaking Bar

Place(s) of Business: Brussels, London, Europe, advising global clients

Date of Admission as a solicitor:

23/05/2005

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

Senior Associate, Covington and Burling LLP, Brussels

Service to international members and community:

I am a pro-active international member of the Law Society of Scotland. I regularly attend Brussels-based Law Society events and am regularly in contact with Law Society representatives. I also make an effort to attend events back in Scotland such as the Annual Conference.

I am a member of the Tech Committee in which I actively participate, and I have just joined the Competition Committee, through which I am leading the Law Society response on the House of Lord' s Inquiry into Brexit and Competition Law. I have also made myself available to assist the Law Society in different ways in relation to issues involving requalification in Ireland, and the continued recognition of Scot' s lawyers' rights of representation and legal professional privilege in Europe following Brexit.

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I applaud this progressive initiative by the Law Society of Scotland. The International lawyer position on the Council highlights the Society's true regard for us as a group, and deserves widespread interest from very worthy candidates. If elected I will be genuinely privileged to represent and promote the interests of my international colleagues, and positively contribute to the work of the highly respected Council of the Law Society.

My legal career outside of Scotland now extends for over ten years, in both Europe and Asia, mostly in US firms. I have always been very proud of having my Scottish law degree, legal training, Practising Certificate, and being a WS.

I am currently an active member of the Law Society's Tech Committee, and have also recently been appointed to the Competition Committee, both of which I find very rewarding. I have been involved in discussions with Law Society representatives on different aspects of Brexit - including the recognition of Scots lawyers in Europe post-Brexit - and assisted colleagues regarding my experiences obtaining relevant dual qualification.

I hope that my above experience and proven commitment recommends me as able to represent you well as the International member of the Council. If elected, I pledge to ensure your interests are conveyed loud and clear - no matter how far you may be from Scotland - and also to help facilitate the Law Society support and interact even more closely with you moving forward.

Siobhan Louise McCarville Kahmann





Candidate Information

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

Name: ROBERT MACDONALD MACLEAN

Place(s) of Business: Brussels, Belgium

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 22nd February 1994

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

Partner, and Head of International Trade & Customs – Europe, Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP, Brussels, Belgium

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

1. Bachelor of Law (LLB) with Honours in Public International law, University of Glasgow (1985).
2. Diploma in Legal Practice (DipLP), University of Glasgow (1986).
3. Master of Laws (LLM), International law, University of Alberta, Canada (1988).
4. Doctor of Laws (PhD), WTO and International Trade Law, University of Glasgow (1995).

Service to international members and community:

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Over the last twenty years or so of practising international trade law and EU regulatory law in Brussels, most of which time has been as a partner in major international law firms, I believe that I have gained the expertise, knowledge and experience that would be of use to the Council in the pursuit of its objectives in the future.

In these turbulent times for the legal profession in Scotland, as a lawyer specialising in international trade and EU law in Brussels, I would hope to make a real contribution to the direction of our profession going forwards. Even after Brexit, in reality the bridge with our continental legal fraternity will not become significantly less important for our profession than before. Indeed, the need to continue to have input and clarity on how regulatory and trade policy is developing on the EU side will still remain crucial for our profession as it moves forwards.

Equally, in a more global perspective, the Law Society will likely need insight in understanding relationships with practitioners, businesses and industries outside the EU. I have had the good fortune to work and collaborate with many legal professionals in a large number of non-EU countries including the USA, China, Japan, India, Russia, Canada as well as many others.

My client and sector experience ranges from assisting EU industries and multinationals in the pursuit of their trade-related commercial objectives to assisting individuals and SMEs protecting their interests against the EU institutions. Much of this work has involved litigation before the European General Court and the Court of Justice where I have used my Scottish solicitor credentials to act as lead counsel in around two dozen appeals.

In summary, my earnest wish is to help assist the Law Society and its members with my experience and knowledge gained from practising international law in a global context. Finally, located within a relatively short flight distance from Edinburgh, I would aspire to attend the majority of the Council's meetings in person.

Robert Macdonald MacLean





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Candidate Information

Name: Kirsty Margaret McIver

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

LLB, Dip LP.

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 27th October 2003

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

Since October 2013, I have been employed as "Legal Counsel" within His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Ruler's Court under the department mandated to regulate the legal profession in the Emirate of Dubai, the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department.

Service to international members and community:

As Legal Counsel for the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department, I have been involved locally with members of the profession here in the setting up of the first CPD programme for lawyers in the Middle East. This is a significant achievement for the Department and ensures that solicitors working in the Emirate of Dubai, have access to quality and relevant CPD.

For the community, we are currently engaged in the launch of a pro bono service which will seek to benefit those in the community who do not have or cannot, access legal services.

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Scottish solicitors practising overseas, have a unique obligation in representing the profession outwith our jurisdiction of qualification. To do that effectively, we must ensure that our Law Society Council understand our challenges and can respond to our needs. The role I have with the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department, (the regulator in Dubai, currently regulating lawyers from 68 jurisdictions), allows me to better understand the needs of solicitors practising overseas regarding the support they receive from their home jurisdiction. As a member of the Council, I can bring these issues before it so solicitors working overseas feel connected to their home jurisdiction and supported by it in their practice.

Solicitors leaving their home jurisdiction would benefit from assistance during the transition to their new jurisdiction in the following areas, e.g. a specific platform available for overseas practitioners to renew their practising certificates, e-payment options, CPD training tailored to overseas jurisdictions, making the CPD programme more relevant for those practising abroad. Additionally, perhaps memoranda of association could be concluded with other law societies to smooth that transition and allow overseas practitioners to know what their home jurisdiction obligations are, and what their obligations in their new jurisdiction are at a time when their whole life is being moved to another country. I feel this would be welcomed by those practising overseas.

In closing, I believe my current experience uniquely positions me to represent Scottish solicitors practising overseas as a member of the Council of the Law Society of Scotland.

Kirsty Margaret McIver





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Candidate Information

Name: ANTHONY ROBERT MURRAY

Professional degrees, Diplomas or qualifications:

University of Dundee, LL.B (Hons) – 1996

University of Dundee, Diploma in Legal Practice – 1997

Notary Public (Scotland)

Attorney, State of New York, U.S. District Court (Southern and Eastern Districts of New York), Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court

Notary Public (New York)

Date of Admission as a solicitor: 28 June 1999

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

Managing Member of Murray LLP, New York. Self employed member. Legal services provided include securities law advice, fund formation, corporate transactions and complex commercial litigation.

Service to international members and community:

My experience can be of benefit to the international members as I have extensive experience as an in-house lawyer and private practice lawyer overseas. I was admitted as an Attorney in New York State in 2006 and I was also registered as an in-house counsel in New Jersey (2010-2012).

I have dealt with many European jurisdictions and have handled matters in jurisdictions which are not so common for Scottish Solicitors including Brazil, South Africa and the Caribbean.

Where possible I attend events that the Society invites me e.g. the IBA reception in Washington DC and I would be willing to represent the Society at other events.

I also provide pro bono legal assistance to people who are unable to afford a lawyer. By way of example I have appeared in U.S Federal court on that basis apply for an injunction. I intend to continue provide services to people who are unable to afford a lawyer.

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I have worked in continental Europe and the U.S. as a lawyer and I am currently in private practice with my own firm in New York since 2012. From 2000-2012 I worked for a large financial services organization in Amsterdam and thereafter as Associate General Counsel in the U.S. Most of my legal work is international in scope and includes funds, corporate transactions and commercial litigation. I was appointed by New York State Supreme Court to act as Receiver to enforce two multi-million dollar judgments, successfully concluded in 2016. I also provide pro bono legal assistance.

I understand what it means to be a Scottish Solicitor working internationally, being based overseas since 2000. I have maintained my practising certificate, as membership of the Society is important to me. I believe the rigours of Scottish legal education, and the standards, ethics and reputation of Scottish Solicitors are amongst the best in the world. I would work hard to enhance that image.

This is an exciting but also an uncertain time for international members. Brexit will likely affect international members' ability to work and live in the other EU states. How the profession adapts to this is a priority. Also, many members are located thousands of miles from Scotland so I would like to increase engagement of those members as well as the support that the Society can offer in return.

If elected I will work very diligently for all international members and advocate for their interests in the Society's decision-making.

Anthony Robert Murray

