

Megan Dewart

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Professional Career to date

Devil Masters: John MacGregor, Paul Reid, Claire Mitchell

June 2019: Admitted to the Faculty of Advocates

2018-2019: Devil, Faculty of Advocates

2015-2018: Law Clerk to the Lord President (Lord Carloway), Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

2014-2015: Solicitor, Simpson & Marwick

2012-2014: Trainee, Simpson & Marwick

Education & Professional Qualifications

Lord Reid Scholarship, Faculty of Advocates (2018-2019)

Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Edinburgh (2012)

Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction, University of Oxford (New College) (2011)

LLB (Hons) (First Class), University of Edinburgh (2010)

Academic Prizes:

Lord President Cooper Memorial Prize (Joint) (2010)- Honours student of outstanding distinction

Scots Law Society Prize (2010)- best overall performance in Scots Law Honours courses by an LLB graduate

Thow Scholarship (Joint) (2007)- best performance in Contract, Delict and Unjustified Enrichment

Areas of Expertise

- Commercial Contracts
- Commercial Property
- Professional Liability
- Planning
- Public Law, Judicial Review and Human Rights

Professional Experience

Megan called to the Bar in 2019 as the Lord Reid Scholar 2018-2019. During her devilling period, she gained experience of public, commercial and regulatory law.

Prior to calling to the Bar, Megan worked for three years as Law Clerk to the Lord President, Lord Carloway. During that time, she assisted Lord Carloway with all aspects of his work as an appellate judge. She acquired experience of both the procedures and workings of the Inner House and Criminal Appeal Court. She assisted Lord Carloway with cases across a very broad spectrum of areas, including many commercial contract, commercial property and public law appeals, as well as cases concerning professional liability and planning law.

Megan previously trained and practised as a solicitor in the public authority team at Simpson & Marwick in Edinburgh. Dealing primarily with public body and insurer clients, she instructed counsel in the Court of Session, including in judicial review and appellate level proceedings. As a solicitor, Megan appeared regularly in the Sheriff Court, up to and including proof.

Megan has a keen interest in legal education and has edited two student textbooks on the Scottish legal system. She has tutored on a variety of courses at the University of Edinburgh, including in her areas of particular interest, Contract and International Private Law.

Recent Cases

Advocates Appointments & Memberships

2011-2018: Part-time Tutor in Law, University of Edinburgh (Contract and Unjustified Enrichment (Ordinary), International Private Law (Ordinary), Scottish Legal System (Ordinary), Criminal Law & Evidence (Ordinary))

2011-2015: Part-time Tutor in Law, University of Edinburgh (International Private Law (Honours))

Publications

The Scottish Legal System (6th Edition, 2019) (Dewart)

Studying Scots Law (5th Edition, 2016) (MacQueen and Dewart)