

### CONVEYANCING - WHAT HAPPENED IN 2019?

*Kenneth Reid, Professor Emeritus of Scots Law and George Gretton, Lord President Reid Professor of Law Emeritus, both University of Edinburgh*

For the twenty-ninth successive year, Professor Kenneth Reid and Professor George Gretton will be giving a comprehensive and indispensable review of the cases and statutory developments during the past 12 months which affect conveyancing law and practice. Chaired by Alan Barr, Partner, Brodies LLP/University of Edinburgh.

In 2019 the Lands Tribunal provided welcome guidance as to the meaning and scope of s 53 of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (on third-party enforcement of real burdens), while the Scottish Law Commission published draft legislation which would replace s 53 with a provision which is much more user-friendly. Among the issues litigated on servitudes were the minimum standard of clarity in the drafting of a servitude, and whether a servitude of way includes, as an ancillary right, the right to use verges and passing places. Leases were, as usual, well-represented, with cases covering topics such as rent review, tenants' repairing obligations, assignation, and the validity of a notice to vacate following a CVA. There was helpful authority on the effect of feudal abolition on rights of pre-emption. The courts returned to the question of whether an A-to-A disposition can found positive prescription, and there was further authority on the amount of possession needed for prescription to run. Two Outer House decisions on missives considered the buyer's right to rescind for alleged material breach of contract. Other matters to attract the attention of the courts included tenements, wayleaves, variation and discharge of title conditions, land registration, standard securities, and the liability of searchers for failing to pick up an inhibition. All these and other developments in the law will be discussed and evaluated during the seminar. There will be an opportunity for questions. A substantial set of materials will give the full text of the talks, and will also list and summarise all cases and statutory material from 2019. As in previous years, each delegate will receive a copy of the revised materials when published in book form in the spring of 2020.

INVERNESS: **MON 20 JAN. 6-8PM** K2901

ABERDEEN: **TUE 21 JAN. 1-3PM** K2902

DUNDEE: **TUE 21 JAN. 6-8PM** K2903

DUMFRIES: **TUE 28 JAN. 12.30-2.30PM** K2904

GLASGOW: **TUE 28 JAN. 6-8PM** K2905

EDINBURGH: **WED 29 JAN. 6-8PM** K2906

PERTH: **MON 3 FEB. 6-8PM** K2907

*Alan Barr, Partner, Brodies LLP/Honorary Fellow, University of Edinburgh and Sandra Eden, Former Senior Lecturer in Private Law, University of Edinburgh*

### ESTATE PLANNING AND TAX: WILLS TRUSTS AND EXECUTRIES

In the year 2020, which unfortunately no longer describes either of their visual abilities, Alan Barr and Sandra Eden return to present the next version of this important annual seminar, reviewing with flair the stuff of fear – death and taxes. Once more they will cover legal and tax developments in relation to wills, trusts, gifts and other private client concerns. Scottish taxes start to develop a bite distinct from their Southern neighbours, while threats of developments in IHT, that most important Westminster tax for private client professionals, continue to grow. CGT and relevant income tax will be covered, from the courts as well as the Parliaments. Beyond the constitutional fog, the courts and tribunals have as usual contributed with important cases on tax, as well as executries, trusts, professional practice and related matters. This seminar will review statute and case law, as well as significant other material. It is a vital review (with a touch of preview) for anyone working in this area – comprehensive coverage with detailed materials, delivered with a light touch. Be there or be dead (professionally at least).

INVERNESS: **TUE 18 FEB. 6-8PM** K2911

ABERDEEN: **WED 19 FEB. 1-3PM** K2912

DUNDEE: **WED 19 FEB. 6-8PM** K2913

DUMFRIES: **TUE 25 FEB. 12.30-2.30PM** K2914

GLASGOW: **TUE 25 FEB. 6-8PM** K2915

EDINBURGH: **WED 26 FEB. 6-8PM** K2916

PERTH: **TUE 3 MAR. 6-8PM** K2917

### FAMILY LAW UPDATE

*Gillian Black, Senior Lecturer in Family Law, University of Edinburgh  
Alison Edmondson, Director, SKO Family Law Specialists*

Now in its fourth year, the Family Law Update will provide comprehensive coverage of key cases and statutory developments in Family Law between April 2019 and April 2020. Dr Gillian Black and Alison Edmondson will cover core family law topics, including financial provision on divorce, cohabitation, contact and residence, and child protection measures. As well as analysis and commentary on all significant judicial developments in the 12 months to April 2020, the material will also include a review of key statutory developments, such as the Children (Scotland) Bill and the Family Justice Modernisation Strategy, and the proposed implementation of the UNCRC, together with updates on the progress of the Scottish Law Commission's review of cohabitation. Key developments from England will also be covered, as will relevant updates regarding Brexit. Presented by two experts in this area of law, the seminar will include a comprehensive set of materials and the opportunity for questions and discussion.

DUMFRIES: **WED 6 MAY 12.30-2.30PM** K2921

EDINBURGH: **WED 6 MAY 6-8PM** K2922

GLASGOW: **MON 11 MAY 6-8PM** K2923

DUNDEE: **THUR 14 MAY 6-8PM** K2924

*Laura Macgregor, Professor of Commercial Contract Law, University of Edinburgh  
Lorna Richardson, Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Edinburgh*

### CONTRACT LAW UPDATE

Contract law lies at the core of the work solicitors carry out on a date-to-day basis. Whether a solicitor is involved in the negotiation, drafting and formation of contracts, or advises in relation to remedies for breach, he or she needs to be aware of important recent developments. Our Contract Law Update provides a comprehensive overview of all important developments in the law of contract over the last year.

Delivered by presenters who are experts in their field they combine academic depth with practical insight. The Contract Law Update covers: all major decisions in Scotland in 2019/20; significant cases from England in 2019/20; important statutory developments; and upcoming legal reforms to be aware of. Key issues covered include the law of formation, interpretation, implication, and the interaction of different remedies for breach of contract. Developments are placed in context, so that trends or new directions in the law can be understood. All delegates receive a substantial set of materials providing thorough notes on all cases and statutory developments – an indispensable update to your contract law resources.

ABERDEEN: **TUE 5 MAY 12.30-2.30PM** K2931

GLASGOW: **TUE 12 MAY 6-8PM** K2932

EDINBURGH: **WED 20 MAY 6-8PM** K2933

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