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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Gill GRASSIE
Edinburgh
United Kingdom



Nationality: British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

LL.P., (Hons) DipLP;
CNM Diploma (with Distinction) in Nutritional Therapy.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Semi-retired solicitor. Legal Adviser for Citizen's Advice Bureau as well as Nutritional Therapist.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

IP litigation and dispute resolution as Partner in leading Scottish Commercial Law firms for 25 years:
Equity Partner with Brodies LLP August developing and heading up IP Dispute resolution practice (August 2012 – August 2018);
Equity Partner with Maclay Murray & Spens developing and heading up IP Dispute resolution practice (1993 – August 2012);
IP Lawyer at Bristows LLP, London 1991 – 1992;
Acted for clients in numerous sectors of business including transport, aviation, oil and gas.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

IP Inclusive

BANT and CNHC

Former member of the Law Society, Associate of CIPA, INTA, AIPPI and CITMA.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Trademarks (including domain names), copyright and patent disputes.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Trademarks (domain names), copyright and patent disputes. Litigation, negotiation and mediation. Examples of some former clients: Krispy Kreme, PRS for Music (Performing Rights Society), the Scottish Qualifications Authority, The Scotch Whisky Association, DC Thomson, Boehringer Ingelheim, GSK, Davidoff Cool Water and WL Gore Associates.

During time in IP legal practice was a member of, actively participated in and chaired various IP related committees.

These included the Scottish Law Society IP sub-committee (for a time as joint Convener); The Intellectual Property Organization (TIPO) a London based UK wide not for profit company which championed IP rights for IP professionals (Director and Co-chair); the International Trade Mark Association committees on trade marks and parallel imports; The UK Copyright Committee for AIPPI; The Editorial Board of various IP publications (as well as being a contributing author) such as Oxford Press Journal of Intellectual Property Law and Practice and Sweet and Maxwell's EU Trade Mark Review.

Named as an 'IP Star' and ranked among the Top 250 Women in IP for 2016/17 in a global survey by Managing Intellectual Property (MIP) and Women in IP Global Network.

Former member of Law Society (IP Committee member from 1996).

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Dealt with numerous domain name disputes as a lawyer on the side of the claimant as well as the defendant and has been working over 16 years as a Nominet Panelist.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

As above was on the Editorial Board of /contributor to a number of IP related publications whilst in practice as a lawyer.

Wrote many articles during time as a practising lawyer all in the areas of IP, e.g. co-author of "Scotland's new regime for effective intellectual property dispute resolution" in JILP 2013.

"A UK Digital Copyright Exchange: Will the pipe dream ever become a reality?" JILP 2012;

"Pooling together: IP as hero or villain?" JIPLP 2011.

Was the Scottish contributor to the CIPA Guide to the Patent Acts.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Involved in many IP and trademark disputes in the Scottish courts.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

Experience in several arbitrations.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

Used mediation successfully for a number of trade mark disputes for inter alia Scotch Whisky Brands, North Sea Oil and Gas clients and major retail jewellery brand.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

Informal training with qualified local mediator.
