

Amna Ashraf

Over the last 3 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as a council member and wish to continue making contributions towards shaping our profession. I have found the role fulfilling and informative. I have always enjoyed roles that involve an element of service to others. Whether it be my choice to work in immigration law, co-founding a diversity group at Burness Paull to influence policy changes, being the sole Scottish co-convenor of the racial justice group at ILPA, or serving over 5 years as a children's panel members, helping to shape reform which serves others has always been a key theme.

I believe I have a diverse skillset that adds to the fantastic cohort of existing council members and I will continue to make a valuable contribution for a further 3 years. My employer remains supportive of this position and I will be able to commit to the time required.

Jean-Paul Kasusula

For the past two years, I have worked closely with legal professionals in Glasgow, acting as a link between the society and its members. Now, I am standing for Council again because I want to take that role further—by representing local lawyers within the Council of the Law Society of Scotland.

I believe our profession is stronger when every voice is heard, especially those on the ground navigating the challenges of practice. My aim is to ensure that the concerns, ideas, and experiences of local solicitors are not only raised but acted upon at Council level.

I bring with me a commitment to communication, inclusion, and integrity. I want to ensure the Law Society remains transparent, responsive, and relevant to its members across Scotland.

If elected, I will work smartly to build meaningful engagement between the Society and local practitioners—ensuring that decisions made at the top

reflect the realities at the grassroots.

Together, we can shape a profession that works for everyone.

Austin Lafferty



I am the longest-serving member still on the Council (along with Sheekha Saha). I have a wealth of experience as a Scottish solicitor (qualified 1982) and Law Society Council/committee member. I am now semi-retired but retain my practising certificate. I am still working actively in private practice and also functioning as a management consultant. My enthusiasm for the Society and the profession is undimmed, and I will if elected once again assiduously work for the profession as a whole, and for my constituents individually. As many of them know, my door is always open for a confidential discussion on anything that is affecting them or where they wish an advocacy voice on their side. I also am heavily involved in TV, internet and other media in promoting the role and assistance of the legal profession to the general public. Semi-retirement gives me time to increase

my contribution and availability.

William Gordon Lennox



In seeking re-election to Council, I do so because I feel passionate about the profession I have come to as a second career. If chosen again by the members of this Council area, I will represent them in an objective and pragmatic way.

Prior to Qualifying as a solicitor, I worked in the private commercial sector within the Oil and Gas/Logistics industries, latterly in management roles. I feel that my experience gained in those roles has translated well to the legal profession and to my role as a solicitor. I feel it provides me with a more circumspect view.

As the emphasis within the profession is more and more consumer centric it is vital that as a profession we are able to adapt to the needs of clients and be flexible in embracing new working practices and methods and at the same time uphold the integrity and first class reputation the legal profession in Scotland has. The recent pandemic has highlighted the need to be able to adapt. It is important that our profession is represented on Council by people from

all areas and background.

Candidates for election

Stuart Munro



I have been a solicitor for thirty years, working mainly in criminal defence and civil litigation. I am the Managing Director and Head of Specialist Litigation at Livingstone Brown in Glasgow. I've been fortunate enough to have been involved in a diverse range of cases, including the Rangers malicious prosecution action, the News of the World phone hacking trial, and the Post Office Horizon Inquiry, alongside many others. I am also a solicitor advocate.

For some years, I've been involved in the work of the Law Society of Scotland. Given my interest in technology and its applications in the justice system, I joined the Technology Law and Practice Committee several years ago and remain an active member. I'm the Convener of the Criminal Law Committee. In this role, I've given evidence to Parliament on several occasions. I've also participated in various working groups, including that which led to the introduction of remote jury trials during the pandemic. I sit on the Criminal

Courts Rules Council.

In these complicated and turbulent times, I believe the Society must be a strong campaigning force for solicitors, for the justice system, and for the rule of law. I'd like to help make that happen.

Ahsan Mustafa



I have demonstrated commitment to the legal profession in Scotland through my work with the Civil Justice Committee and Consumer Law Subcommittee and through disseminating information through my work, sitting on the Editorial Advisory Board at the Journal of the Law Society of Scotland and giving evidence at the Scottish Parliament on behalf of the Law Society of Scotland.

I hold a particular commitment to Glasgow's solicitors. Many of you will know me from my tenure as Council Member for the Royal Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow when I assisted with the development of the continuing professional development programme and chaired numerous talks by notable speakers. I recall the warmth you all showed me and recall listening to

the issues the profession faced whilst speaking with you. My commitment is not limited to practicing solicitors but to my mentoring of law students to give them experience of practice and this has been well documented in the legal press.

A seat on the Council would give me the ideal platform to represent the interests of solicitors. My active involvement in professional committees, mentoring and understanding the profession at a ground level testifies to my suitability for a position on the Council.