

31st January 2019

Members Appointed to Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice today announced the appointments of Eilidh Wiseman and Morag Ross as Legal Members of the Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland (JABS).

MEMBERS

Eilidh Wiseman is a Solicitor, former President of the Law Society of Scotland and a visiting Lecturer at the University of Lund, Sweden. Eilidh is also a Trustee of the National Museums of Scotland, where she chairs the Personnel and Remuneration Committee. Eilidh has a depth of experience in employment law from her career in private practice and brings strong analytical skills to the Board.

Morag Ross became an Advocate in 2003 and was appointed as senior counsel in 2016. Before that, she was a Solicitor for three years, having qualified in 1999. She specialises in administrative and public law, civil liberties and human rights. She also has significant experience in EU law and commercial litigation, especially in those areas where there is an overlap between commercial law, public law and EU law. She has a breadth of legal experience, having been instructed in cases at all levels, from the Sheriff Courts and the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to the Supreme Court and the Court of Justice of the European Union. In addition to her legal work, she also has experience of responsibilities in other sectors, in particular having served from 2008 to 2016 as a Trustee and Board Member for Christian Aid, a large international development charity and Non-Governmental Organisation.

APPOINTMENT

The appointment will be for four years and will run from 1st February 2019 to 31st January 2023.

The appointments are regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

REMUNERATION

The appointments are part-time and attract a remuneration of £290 per day for a time commitment of up to 40 days per annum.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Eilidh Wiseman is a Trustee of the National Museums of Scotland, which has a time-commitment of ten days per year and is non-remunerated.

Morag Ross does not hold any other ministerial public appointments.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Eilidh Wiseman and Morag Ross have had no political activity within the last five years.

BACKGROUND

The Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland is an independent advisory public body with the role of recommending individuals for appointment to judicial offices within the Board's remit including judge of the Court of Session, sheriff principal, sheriff and summary sheriff.