

The 21st Century Bar Conference

'Embracing Change'

Friday 1 December 2023

Venue: Mackenzie Building & Zoom

Programme

Chairpersons: Graeme McWilliams & A Member of Faculty

Introduction

09.00 - 09.10 Introduction and Welcome - Roddy Dunlop KC, Dean of Faculty

Chapter 1 – Embracing Change - the Bench

09.15 – 9.45 Modern Advocacy – **The Rt. Hon. Lord Pentland**

09.45 - 10.15 Use of AI in Judicial Decision-Making – **The Hon. Lady Drummond**

Break

Chapter 2 – Embracing Change - Scottish Industry

10.30 – 11.00 Scotch Whisky Association – Lindesay Low, SWA

11.00 – 11.30 Harris Tweed – Lorna Macaulay, Harris Tweed Authority

Chapter 3 – Embracing Change – the Courts

11:30 – 12.00 Group Proceedings in England and Scotland – Rachel Breen

12:00 – 12.30 Crowdfunding Litigation – Fergus Whyte

Lunch

Chapter 4 – Embracing Change – Organisations

13.30 – 14.00 Protection for Whistleblowers – **Russell Bradley**

14.00 – 14.30 Governance – Almira Delibegovic-Broome KC

14.30 – 15.00 Data Protection and Freedom of Information – Alistair Sloan

Break



Chapter 5 – Embracing Change – the Bar

15.15 – 15.45 Reflections on a remarkable career – Frances McMenamin, K.C.

15.45 - 16.15 Future of the Bar, Faculty's place in a modern Scotland - Junior Bar

Association

16.15 – 16.30 Closing remarks:

Close and Thanks, followed by a drinks reception