

**CHAMBER PRESIDENT IN THE  
FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL FOR SCOTLAND RECRUITMENT**

**ONLINE EVENT**

**Wednesday 13 August 2025  
17:00 – 18:30**



## **Programme**

17:00 – 17:15	Introduction by the President of the Scottish Tribunals, The Rt Hon Lady Morag Wise KC
17:15 – 17:25	Overview of Scottish Tribunals by President May Dunsmuir, Judicial Board Member, Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland
17:25 – 17:50	The role of a Chamber President by President Dunsmuir, Judicial Board Member, Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland
17:50 – 18:15	Overview of the recruitment process by Emma Marriott, Lay Board Member Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland, with input by President Dunsmuir
18:15 – 18:30	Q&A Session
18:30	Closing Remarks

## **Profiles**

### **President of Scottish Tribunals, Lady Wise**

The Rt Hon Lady Wise (Morag Wise KC) is a graduate of the University of Aberdeen [LLB Hons, LLD (Hon)] and of McGill University, Montreal (LLM). She qualified as a solicitor in 1989 and worked for an Edinburgh firm between 1987 and 1992, dealing in general civil litigation. She called to the bar in 1993 and practised in civil litigation, specialising in family law. In 2005 she became Queen's Counsel and from 2008 sat part time as a Temporary Judge while still in practice. She was appointed as a Senator of the College of Justice in 2013 and sat as a Judge of the Employment Appeal Tribunal for three years until December 2018.



Lady Wise served as one of the two Family Court judges in the Court of Session prior to her appointment to the Inner House in January 2022. She continues to chair the Family Law Committee of the Scottish Civil Justice Council and has been an International Hague Network Judge since 2017. Lady Wise has been President of the Scottish Tribunals since 1 May 2023.

### **Lindsay Montgomery**

Lindsay Montgomery CBE, FRSE, has substantial experience in the management, leadership and governance of public bodies. Past roles include Chief Executive of the Scottish Legal Aid Board, Deputy Chair and later Chair of the Scottish Charity Regulator and Chair of Community Justice Scotland. He has also worked in various Government departments, including HM Treasury.



Lindsay has an extensive background in Scotland's justice system. In addition to his role as Chief Executive of SLAB from 1999 until 2016, other roles include membership of the Scottish Civil Justice Council, the Scottish Government Justice Board and the National Criminal Justice Board. He was a member of several policy and reference groups for reviews of aspects of the justice system in Scotland, including Lord Gill's review of Scottish Civil Courts, Lord Carloway's review of Criminal Law and Practice and Sheriff Principal Taylor's review of Expenses of Funding for Civil Litigation in Scotland.

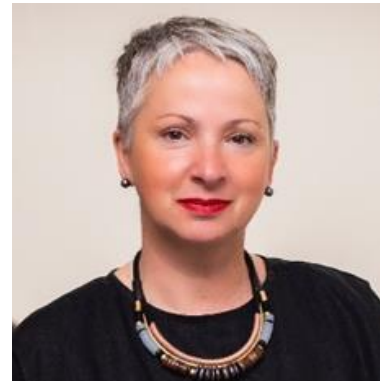
He is a visiting professor in the School of Law at the University of Strathclyde with a focus on legal aid and access to justice, and Vice Chair of the International Legal Aid Group.

Other current roles include Chair of the Scottish Government Digital Board, as well as consultancy and other non-executive roles.

In 2009 he was awarded a CBE for his services to the administration of justice. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

### **Chamber President, May Dunsmuir**

President May Dunsmuir is a solicitor, graduating from the University of Glasgow. She is Chamber President of the Health and Education Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland. Prior to that, she was the President of the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland. President Dunsmuir was also previously a Convener with the Mental Health Tribunal for Scotland (MHTS). She served as an In-house Convener with the MHTS and was Lead Convener for child and adolescent mental health tribunals. Before undertaking judicial appointments, Mrs Dunsmuir was a Children's Reporter.



### **Emma Marriott**

Emma Marriott is a Lay Member of the Judicial Appointments Board and joined us in December 2021. She has extensive recruitment and leadership experience and enjoys all aspects of people development; talent assessment, engagement and optimising their performance.



She led an award winning recruitment business from start up to her exit in 2019 as Managing Director. Emma led their digitisation, rebranding and entry into new markets and was a champion of DEI strategies whilst supporting multiple firms in their bid to attract and secure the best talent for their business.

Emma has worked on a consultancy basis for a variety of firms from employee owned businesses to plcs and is particularly interested in organisations who are striving for excellence and efficiency.

She has sat on the board of West Lothian College, BE-ST and Exmos and is currently the Chief Operating Officer of Connect Three, a leadership and learning consultancy.

Emma has a BA in Law, two children and lives in Edinburgh.

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