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Practice Areas

Administrative & Public Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Banking, Finance and Pensions
Civil Liberties, Human Rights & EU Law
Clinical Liability
Commercial Dispute Resolution
Company
Competition, Procurement and Regulation
Constructions
Information Technology
Media and Information Law
Professional Liability
Real Estate Litigation
Restructuring/Insolvency
Shipping
Trusts and Succession

'Timothy Young is an excellent leading junior and operates at the very top of the junior Bar. He has experience of complex areas of corporate, property and commercial law which few can match.'
(Chambers (2025) – Commercial Dispute Resolution and Real Estate Litigation - Scotland)

'Timothy Young is very technically adept and super diligent.'
(Chambers (2025) – Construction – Scotland)

'Timothy is extremely bright and capable; he is impressive'
(Chambers (2025) – Commercial Dispute Resolution – Scotland)

'He is a powerful and focused advocate and enjoys the respect of judges.' (Legal 500 – Commercial Dispute Resolution)

'Timothy is a very astute operator who commands the confidence of clients and solicitors alike.' (Chambers (2024) – Commercial Dispute Resolution - Scotland)

'His intellectual prowess and ability to quickly and competently ascertain the critical considerations of a case and the best strategy moving forward is matched with a formidable style of advocacy.'
(Chambers (2024) – Construction)

'He is one of the best advocates at the Bar. He is very bright and very user-friendly' (Chambers (2023) – Commercial Dispute Resolution)

'Tim is excellent. He is regularly instructed in public law matters and his written work is exceptional.' (Chambers (2023) – Administrative and Public Law)

Tim Young is a leading junior counsel in commercial and public law disputes at the Scottish bar. He has been widely recognised as such in all the major legal directories including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, and Who's Who Legal.

He is regularly instructed – both led and unled – in the most important, complex, and high-value commercial cases before the Scottish courts and in arbitrations.

He has extensive experience and expertise in commercial contract disputes (particularly complex construction and IT contract matters), civil fraud and bribery, trusts, banking, company, insolvency, and shipping and maritime law. He is also a contributing editor to leading practitioner texts in these areas, the Companies Law (reissue) and Shipping and Maritime Law (reissue) volumes of The Laws of Scotland: Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia.

Court and Tribunal Experience

UK Supreme Court
Inner House
Outer House
Sheriff Appeal Court
Sheriff Principle
Sheriff Court
Employment Tribunal
Employment Appeal Tribunal
Professional Disciplinary Hearings
Arbitrations
Lands Tribunal for Scotland
Scottish Land Court



Qualifications/Education

- 2004 – LLB (Hons) (First Class) University of Strathclyde
- 2006 – Dip LP, Glasgow Graduate School of Law
- 2008 – Qualified as a solicitor with McGrigors LLP (subsequently Pinsent Masons LLP) having completed traineeship
- 2013 – Called to the Bar, having devilled to Morag Ross QC (now Lady Ross), Garry Borland QC and Ronaldo A. Renucci QC (now Lord Renucci)

Memberships

- Reporter for Session Cases (2014 – present)
- Tutor in Business Entities (and previously other subjects, including Contract and Delict) on the LLB at University of Edinburgh (2012–2018)
- Tutor in Constitutional & Administrative Law on the LLB at Napier University (2016)
- External Examiner, Robert Gordon University (2018 – present)
- Member of Council of Faculty of Advocates (2018 – 2020)
- Deputy Editor of Session Cases (2020 – present)
- Standing Junior Counsel to the Scottish Government (2021 - present)

Publications and Lectures

- Shipping and Maritime Law (2nd Reissue, 2023), The Laws of Scotland: Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia (Contributing Ed.)
- Companies (2nd Reissue, July 2021), The Laws of Scotland: Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia (Contributing Ed.)

He has also been retained by the defenders in several sets of group proceedings relating to diesel emissions and has been heavily involved in several recent and important decisions on the proper approach to such litigations.

He also has a very extensive experience in all commercial and agricultural property matters. He has conducted many cases in relation to the electronic communications code, crofting, agricultural tenancies, commercial leases, servitudes, rights of way, and title disputes.

In addition to his heavy weight commercial practice, he also has substantial experience of judicial review and statutory appeals in the field of public and administrative law. He is particularly sought after for his experience in dealing with human rights challenges, malicious prosecution cases, public procurement disputes, and professional discipline matters. As well as appearing in Court, he has appeared in a wide variety of tribunals, committees, and disciplinary hearings. Tim has also been appointed as a Standing Junior Counsel to the Scottish Government, and regularly appears in the courts for the Scottish Government.

He graduated with a first class honours from the University of Strathclyde. Throughout his career, he has maintained links with academia through tutoring Business Entities and Constitutional Law at both the University of Edinburgh and Napier University, and as an external examiner at Robert Gordon University. He is also the Deputy Editor of the official law report series in Scotland, *Session Cases*.

Selected Cases

- Administrative & Public Law

[The Scottish Association of Landlords & ors v. Lord Advocate & Anor \[2023\] CSOH 76](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the petitioners in a high profile judicial review to the lawfulness of the rent cap and eviction moratorium in the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Act 2022 (with Lord Davidson of Glen Cova KC).

[John Paton & Sons Ltd v. Glasgow City Council & Anor \[2023\] CSOH 74](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the petitioner in an important and novel challenge to the lawfulness of the Glasgow City Centre Low Emission Zone scheme (with Lord Davidson of Glen Cova KC).

[Murray v. HMA \[2022\] HCJAC 14](#)

Acting for Petitioner in a petition to the *nobile officium* of the High Court of Justiciary heard before a bench of 5 judges challenging a finding of contempt, including arguments as to the compatibility of the finding with the Petitioner's right to freedom of expression under Article 10 of the ECHR



"He has a sharp legal mind.
Every angle is covered,
which means that no matter
how hard our opponents try,
nothing comes as a
surprise."

Chambers 2019, Commercial Dispute
Resolution, Up and Coming

[Petition to the Nobile Officium by SU \[2021\] CSIH 65](#)

Acted as Junior Counsel for the Scottish Ministers in a hearing on the competency of a petition to the *nobile officium* arising out of referral proceedings within the Children's Hearing system (with M Stuart QC)

[Steele v. Deputy Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland \[2021\] CSOH 65](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Petitioner, the General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation, in judicial review of decision to commence misconduct proceedings against him in respect of a Tweet (with the Dean of Faculty (RW Dunlop QC).

[Booth and Philp v. Highland Council \[2020\] CSIH 70](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the respondent in successful challenge to competency of reclaiming motion in a judicial review.

[BC & ors v. Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland \[2020\] CSIH 61](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the petitioners in important judicial review about the collateral use of material recovered in a criminal investigation for the purposes of a disciplinary hearing (with Craig Sandison QC)

[BC & ors v. Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland \[2018\] CSOH 104](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Petitioners in successful preliminary hearing in a judicial review about the derivative use of material recovered in a criminal investigation for the purpose of disciplinary hearing (with Craig Sandison QC).

[A v. Harrower 2018 JC 93](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the petitioner in important case about reporting restrictions for complainers in criminal cases (with Kenny McBrearty QC)

- [Commercial Dispute Resolution](#)

[Glenfiddich Wind Ltd v. Dorenell Windfarm Ltd \[2025\] CSOH 62](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the defender in a multi-million pound commercial dispute concerning lease of a windfarm and operation of the balancing and settlement code (with G Borland KC).

[Leonardo Hotel Management \(UK\) Ltd v. Galliford Try Building 2014 Ltd \[2024\] CSOH 53](#)

Acting as counsel for the pursuer in a commercial court debate concerning, amongst other matters, issues of prescription and joint & several liability.

[Inicio-Fresco Ltd v. AJ & AR Benzie \[2024\] SC Ban 20](#)

Acting as counsel for the defender in a Sheriff Court action concerning whether parties had entered into a commercial contract for potato growing.

[Centenary 6 Ltd v. TLT LLP \[2023\] CSOH 28](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the pursuer in multi-million pound professional negligence action in respect of a complex underlying litigation arising out of insolvency and sale of a large commercial property in London (with A Smith KC).

[LIV Golf Inc v. R&A Trust Company \(No. 1\) Limited \[2023\] CSIH 15](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the respondent in attempted enforcement of Letters of Request from US Court in connection with large, complex commercial dispute in that jurisdiction (with G Borland KC)

[Oil States Industries \(UK\) Limited v. S Limited \[2022\] CSOH 52](#)

Acting as junior counsel for an individual director in connection with allegations of bribery in order to procure a commercial contract (with Garry Borland KC)

[Trustees of the ABE Pension Fund v. British Polar Engines Limited \[2021\] CSOH 118](#)

Acted for the Defender in a commercial court debate on the proper interpretation of an arbitration clause and loss of right to found upon an arbitration clause under sec. 10 of the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010.

[Wilson v. Graeme W Cheyne \(Builders\) Limited \[2021\] SAC \(Civ\) 24](#)

Appeared as sole counsel for appellant in dispute over enforcement of adjudication award and service of interim payment application on a Contract Administrator that had resigned.

[HCC International Insurance Company Plc v. Scottish Ministers \[2021\] CSOH 53](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Pursuer in multi-million pound dispute over proper interpretation of an Intercreditor Agreement arising from the Scottish Minsters acquisition of Ferguson Marine business (with Kenny McBrearty QC).

[Cheyne & Anor v. Alfred Cheyne Engineering Limited & Anor \[2021\] CSOH 17](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Respondent at a commercial court debate examining the principles of, and Court's powers in relation to, an extra-judicial offer to resolve an unfair prejudice petition under sec. 994 of the Companies Act 2006 (with Jim Cormack QC).

[AWPR Construction JV v. Everprime Ltd & ors \[2020\] CSOH 78](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the 7th Defender at a Procedure Roll hearing (debate) in a large multiplepointing in the Court of Session arising out of commercial contracts concerning the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route construction project.

[Patersons of Greenoakhill Limited v. Glasgow City Council \[2020\] CSOH 43](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the pursuer in commercial court debate in relation to dispute over breaches and purported termination of a bulky waste recycling contract (with Martin Richardson QC)

[WM Morrison Supermarket Plc v. LEM Estates Limited & ors \[2020\] CSOH 31](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for Pursuer in commercial court debate on issues of contractual interpretation, personal bar, and prescription arising from a construction contract dispute.

[Aquilisys Limited v. CGI IT UK Limited \[2018\] CSOH 112](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for successful Pursuer in 4-week Proof in the Commercial Court in multi-million pound IT contract dispute.

[Promontoria \(Henrico\) Limited v. Wilson & anor \[2018\] SAC \(Civ\) 21](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Respondents in substantive appeal and subsequent motion by appellant to withdraw concession made at first instance.

[Peter Stewart v. UK Acorn Finance Limited \[2018\] CSOH 31](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for Defender in successful defence of an action for reduction of a Sheriff Court Decree (with Simon Bowie QC).

[Aquilisys Limited v. CGI IT UK Limited \[2018\] CSOH 26](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Pursuer in successful commercial court debate on construction of exclusion clauses in a large commercial IT contract dispute.

[Petition of Capital Document Solutions Limited \[2016\] CSIH 88; \[2016\] CSOH 140](#)

Acted for Respondent in relation to issue of expenses of a Section 1 Petition and Interdict proceedings against a company and director in respect of obtaining of confidential information.

[The Tartan Army Limited v. Sett GmbH & Ors \[2015\] CSOH 151](#)

Acted as sole counsel for a director in a debate in an Intellectual Property action. The case concerned the liability of a director for alleged infringement of a trademark by a company. The case raised complex issues of piercing the corporate veil and accessory liability of directors/

- [Intellectual Property](#)

[The Tartan Army Limited v. Sett GmbH & Ors \[2017\] CSOH 22](#)

Acted for successful Defender company in action for infringement, and counterclaim for invalidity, of trade marks in the name Tartan Army.

- Real Estate Litigation

[MacNab v. Highland Council \[2024\] CSIH 17](#)

Acting as junior counsel in successful reclaiming motion concerning whether a public right of passage had been constituted over a private road by the actions of a local authority (with D Thomson KC).

[On Tower UK Ltd v. The Church of Scotland General Trustees \[2024\] LTS 21](#)

Acting as junior counsel for code operator in application concerning whether code agreement had been validly assigned and title to sue application under paragraph 33 (5) of the Electronic Communications Code.

Wilson & Anor v. McAteer (Dumbarton Sheriff Court, April 2023, unreported)

Acting as junior counsel for the successful pursuers in establishing the absence of any servitude rights in favour of the defender over an access road in the pursuers' land.

[Castle Street \(Dumbarton\) Developments Limited v. Lidl Great Britain Limited \(9 November 2022, LTS/TC/2021/0031\)](#)

Acted for landowner in successful challenge in the Lands Tribunal for Scotland to the validity of a title condition seeking to impose a restraint on trade.

[Pattinson v. Matheson \[2022\] CSIH 43](#)

Acted as counsel for the Respondent in important decision in the Inner House on the operation of sec. 16 of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 on transfer of crofting tenancies.

Moorbrook Textiles Limited v. Scottish Ministers (May 2022, Unreported)

Acted as counsel for the Respondent in an appeal to the Sheriff at Selkirk against registration of a community interest in land under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003

[Coleman & another v. J&S Wight Limited SLC/122/19 \(14 May 2021\)](#)

Acted for respondent in dispute over validity of Notices to Quit served under a 1991 Act tenancy, and related dispute over formation of tenancy in the first place.

[Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited v. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service \(LTS/ECC/2020/0032\)](#)

Appeared as sole counsel for the Respondent in dispute in the Lands Tribunal for Scotland over the terms of an agreement under the Electronic Communications Code, and the correct approach to expenses in the event of agreement being reached during the proceedings.

[MacNab v. Highland Council \[2024\] CSIH 17](#)

Acting as junior counsel in successful reclaiming motion concerning whether a public right of passage had been constituted over a private road by the actions of a local authority (with D Thomson KC). the proceedings.

[Forsby Properties AB and Another v. MacQueen SLC/45/18 \(31 July 2020 and 22 January 2021\)](#)

Appeared as sole counsel for the respondent agricultural tenant in dispute over the existence and extent of 1991 Act agricultural tenancy, and related dispute over expenses.

[MacBean v. Scottish Water \[2020\] CSOH 55 and \[2021\] CSIH 36](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Pursuer in long running dispute over nuisance caused by a Waste Water Treatment Works, and the success of subsequent remedial works (with Andrew Smith QC).

[British Telecommunications Plc v. Morrison \(4 August 2020, LTS/ECC/2020/0018\)](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Applicants in successful application to the Lands Tribunal for Scotland seeking the grant of Interim Code Rights under the Electronic Communications Code.

[Ardnamurchan Estates Limited v MacGregor & anor \[2020\] SAC \(CIV\) 2](#)

Appeared as junior counsel for the Defender in the Sheriff Appeal Court in important case on the validity of self-granted *a non domino* dispositions for the purpose of positive prescription.

[Swift Advances Plc v. Martin & Ors. \[2015\] CSIH 65](#)

Acted as sole counsel for Mr. & Mrs. Martin in an appeal to the Inner House concerning the calling-up of a standard security, and compliance with the pre-action requirements.

[Lormor Limited v. Glasgow City Council \[2014\] CSIH 80](#)

Acted for Lormor (with Alistair Clark QC) in an appeal to the Inner House concerning service of notices to quit under a lease of commercial property.

- [Restructuring / Insolvency](#)

[Amanda Urquhart & Anor. v. Sweeney & anor \[2023\] CSIH 16](#)

Acting as junior counsel for the noters in a note for directions against a liquidator to implement a right to buy land subject to an agricultural tenancy (with Dean of Faculty (RW Dunlop KC)).

[Asertis Limited v. Dunn \[2022\] CSOH 87](#)

Acted as counsel for pursuer in a successful claim in respect of gratuitous alienations under sec. 242 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

[Liquidators of RFC 2012 Plc v. Clark and Whitehouse \[2021\] CSOH 99](#)

Acted as junior counsel for the joint liquidators of RFC 2012 Plc (formerly Rangers Football Club Plc) in successful claim for compensation against the former joint administrators for breach of duty under paragraph 75 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

[Notes of Joseph and Donalda Sweeney \[2020\] CSIH 65](#)

Acting for respondent in two separate notes in the liquidation of West Lark Limited in relation to challenges to decision of a liquidator and assignation of creditors' claim under the Insolvency (Scotland) (Receivership and Winding Up) Rules 2018 (with Craig Sandison QC).

[Note of Donalda Sweeney \[2020\] CSOH 9](#)

Acted as junior counsel for the first respondent in Note seeking assignation from the first respondent under Rule 7.21 (4) of the Insolvency (Scotland) (Receivership and Winding Up) Rules 2018 (with Craig Sandison QC)

[Note of Joseph Sweeney \[2020\] CSOH 6](#)

Acted as junior counsel for the third respondent in Note under sec. 167 (3) of the Insolvency Act 1986 challenging the decision of a liquidator to not raise proceedings (with Craig Sandison QC)

- [Trusts and Succession](#)

MacGregor v. MacGregor (8 March 2019, unreported, Glasgow Sheriff Court)
Appeared as junior counsel for the Pursuer in a successful debate about prescription and the relevancy of a claim against an executrix arising out of an estate administered over 20 years ago.

[Mr. Pinder's Trustees v. Phoenix Life Limited \[2015\] CSOH 96](#)

Acted as sole counsel for Phoenix Life in a two-day debate in the Commercial Court in a dispute about payment of a life assurance policy held in trust. The case raised complex issues of trust law, succession, and conflict of laws.

- [Group Proceedings](#)

[Urquhart v. Stellantis Auto SAS \[2025\] CSOH 30](#)

Acting as junior counsel in novel and important decision on implications of the French Blocking Statute for recovery of documents in international litigation (with N Ellis KC).

[Batchelor v. Opel Automobile GmbH \[2025\] CSOH 18](#)

Acting as junior counsel in important precedent on approach to recovery of documents and other evidence in group proceedings (with N Ellis KC).