
David Sellar QC

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Qualifications/Education

Academic Qualifications: MA (Hons) (Aberdeen), LLB (Edinburgh)

Practice at Scots Bar: 1984-86

Allen & Overy, London: 1986-88

Practice at Scots Bar: 1989-1991

Resigned from Scots Bar and admitted as a Solicitor in Scotland

Partner, Company Department, Dorman Jeffrey & Co (now part of Dundas & Wilson LLP): 1991-1993

Lecturer in Company Law (full time), University of Edinburgh: 1993-1995

Re-admitted to Scots Bar: 1995

Standing Junior in Scotland to DTI: 1996-2000

Memberships/Appointments

Member of Law Society of Scotland's Company Law and Insolvency Committees

Part time lecturer in Company Law, University of Edinburgh: 1989-1993 and 1995-2002

Practice Profile

David Sellar QC has done company and insolvency work for well over 30 years, having worked in those areas in the City of London, been a partner in a solicitors' firm in Scotland and also taught at Edinburgh University. Much of David Sellar's work is advisory in the course of proposed transactions. It also includes applications to the Court of Session in relation to takeovers, capital structures and insurance and banking business transfer schemes, including all of the demutualisations of Scottish insurance companies since 1996

David is ranked in the current edition of Chambers and Partners UK Bar guide for Company law, Insolvency/Restructuring, Pensions and Commercial Dispute resolution.



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Chambers & Partners

Company Law

Schemes of Arrangements/Reductions of Capital

- James Finlay plc (McGrigor Donald/Slaughter & May)
- Bank of Scotland (Maclay Murray & Spens/Linklaters)
- Semple Cochrane plc (Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Thus plc (Biggart Baillie/Slaughter & May)
- Premier Oil plc (Biggart Baillie/Slaughter & May)
- British Energy plc (for DTI) (McGrigor Donald/Slaughter & May)
- Scottish Lion Insurance Ltd (for opposing creditor) (Burness/Herbert Smith)
- Mercantile & General Insurance Ltd (for opposing creditor) (DLA)
- Burmah Castrol plc (Maclay Murray & Spens/Allen & Overy)
- Celtic plc (McGrigor Donald)
- Sportech plc (2000 & 2012) (DLA)
- Standard Life plc/Standard Life Assurance Ltd (Reductions) (Dundas & Wilson/Slaughter & May)
- HBoS plc (Allen & Overy/Dickson Minto)
- ProStrakan Group plc (Freshfields/Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- Forth Ports plc (McGrigors)
- Lees Foods (Burness)
- Goals Soccer Centres plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- Royal Scottish Assurance (Dundas & Wilson)
- Miller Group (Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- STV plc (Burness Paull)
- Castle Investments plc (Pinsent Masons)
- F & C Asset Management plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn/Norton Rose Fulbright)
- Wolfson Microelectronics plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- Bank of Scotland plc (Maclay Murray & Spens)
- HBoS plc (Maclays Murray & Spens)
- Optos plc (Allen & Overy/Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Clydesdale Bank plc (CMS Cameron McKenna)
- Clydesdale Bank plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- Standard Life plc (Slaughter & May)
- John Swan + Sons plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn)
- Red 24 plc (Eversheds)
- Aberdeen Asset Management plc (Freshfields/Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Premier Oil plc (Slaughter & May)
- FanDuel Limited (Shepherd & Wedderburn)



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Commercial Law

- Bank of Scotland v Dunedin Property Investment Co Ltd 1998 SC 657

Bankruptcy And Insolvency Law

- Liquidators of the Scottish Coal Company Limited for Directions – 11 July 2013 [2013] CSOH 124; Appeal to Inner House [2013] CSIH 108
- Atlantic Telecom GmbH 2004 SLT 1031
- Administration and Liquidation of Atlantic Telecom plc (Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Provisional Liquidation of Independent Insurance plc (Shepherd & Wedderburn/Denton Wilde Sapte)
- BCCI – Scottish Ancillary Winding up (Shepherd & Wedderburn/Lovells)
- Liquidation of Clydesdale Stores Group (Dundas & Wilson)
- Administration order of Heritable Bank plc (subsidiary of the nationalised Icelandic Landsbanki Bank)
- Administration of Dunfermline Building Society (Freshfields/Tods Murray)
- Company Voluntary Arrangement of JJB Sports – Scottish Aspects (Biggart Baillie/Herbert Smith)
- Administration of Globespan plc – Scottish work (Dundas & Wilson/DLA Piper)
- Administration of Rangers Football Club (Biggart Baillie) (Brodie)
- MacMillan v Receivers of Leith Developments Ltd (Addleshaw Goddard)
- First Oil plc (CMS Cameron McKenna)



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Banking and Finance Law

Bank of Scotland v Dunedin Property Investment Co Ltd 1998 SC 657

Insurance and Banking Transfer Schemes

- FS Assurance (Biggart Baillie)
- Scottish Amicable (Maclay Murray & Spens/Freshfields)
- Scottish Widows (Maclay Murray & Spens/Freshfields)
- Scottish Life (Maclay Murray & Spens/Speechley Bircham)
- Scottish Provident (Shepherd & Wedderburn/Linklaters)
- Standard Life (Dundas & Wilson/Slaughter & May/Clifford Chance)
- Bank of Scotland/Halifax (Banking Transfer Scheme) (Dundas & Wilson)
- Scottish Provident/Scottish Mutual (Insurance Transfer Scheme) (Slaughter & May/Dundas & Wilson)
- Save and Prosper – Prudential Retirement Income Ltd (Insurance Transfer Scheme) (Dundas & Wilson/Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Lloyds TSB Scotland – Lloyds TSB Bank (Banking Transfer Scheme) (Maclay Murray & Spens)
- Standard Life Investment Funds Ltd – Standard Life Assurance Ltd (Slaughter & May/Dundas & Wilson)
- Royal Bank of Scotland NV – Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Part VII Banking Scheme) (Linklaters/Dundas & Wilson)
- Aviva (Clifford Chance/Dundas & Wilson)
- Metlife (CMS Cameron McKenna)
- Lloyds Verde Four Transactions (Maclay Murray Spens/Linklaters)
- RBS – BNP Paribas SA – Banking Scheme (Linklaters)
- Scottish Widows – Authority to amend inter alia Demutualisation
- Scheme (Maclay Murray Spens/Herbert Smith Freehills)
- Standard Life – Application to amend the Demutualisation
- Scheme (Slaughter & May/Burness Paull)



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Cross Border Mergers

- Royal Bank of Scotland II BV – The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Linklaters)
- Aberdeen Asset Management (CMS Cameron McKenna)
- RBS Bank Romania SA – The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Linklaters)
- RBS Luxembourg SA – The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Linklaters)