

Scottish Land & Estates Virtual Taxation Event 25 November 2020

Meet the Speakers



Dee Ward, Vice-Chair Policy, Scottish Land & Estates

Dee Ward is SLE's Vice-Chair Policy. Dee took on this new position earlier this year following two years as SLE's Vice-Chair (Operations). Dee owns and runs Rottal Estate in the Angus Glens. Rottal is accredited by Wildlife Estates Scotland (WES) and is a mixed upland estate with the focus very much on wildlife and biodiversity balanced alongside a traditional sporting estate. The estate activities include sheep farming, holiday lets, grouse shooting, deer stalking, a hydro-electric scheme and an events space as well as lots of on-going environmental projects such as peatland restoration, flood mitigation, tree planting and river restoration work. Dee's background is primarily in business, having built up and sold an office watercooler business, and following that assisting a couple of small Scottish software businesses. Dee is chairman of Wildlife Estates Scotland (WES) and also chairman of the Angus Glens Moorland Group. As Vice-Chair (Policy), Dee is a key member of the SLE Board and Chairs the National Policy Group which is made up of representatives from across SLE's membership. He works with SLE Chief Executive, Sarah-Jane Laing, to shape the policy and communications work of the organisation.



Jason Rust, Legal Adviser, Scottish Land & Estates

Jason Rust is Legal Adviser to Scottish Land & Estates. He trained, and subsequently worked as a solicitor with Turcan Connell and then Anderson Strathern in Edinburgh. Jason represents Scottish Land & Estates on a range of taxation, legal and historic environment groups.

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Ian Clark, Partner, Turcan Connell

Ian specialises in advising estate owners and their families on succession planning and asset protection. His expertise includes inheritance tax and capital gains tax planning and complex succession advice. Trusts are an important aspect of many of these arrangements, and Ian has detailed knowledge of the use of trusts for protection of family assets.

Ian speaks regularly at specialised tax and trust conferences. He is a member of STEP (Society of Tax and Estate Practitioners) and an associate of the Chartered Institute of Taxation. Ian is also a member of Scottish Land & Estates Taxation Committee. Chambers UK Guide has described Ian as "a wizard on the use of trusts". Legal 500 recommend Ian for advising on "tax-driven issues".

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Jackie Fraser, Chiene + Tait

Jackie Fraser is a tax partner at Chiene + Tait Chartered Accountants and leads the firm's Inverness office. She is chartered tax adviser, having begun her career in 2000 before spending ten years within a 'Big Four' accountancy practice in the Highlands. Jackie has a varied client portfolio with a particular specialism in the property, private clients and rural businesses sectors. She regularly speaks on tax-related matters at conferences.

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Alix Storrie, Partner and Head of Tax and Succession, Turcan Connell

Alix specialises in tax and estate planning for private clients, their families and trusts. She advises primarily on Wills and succession planning, including lifetime and post death tax planning, trust law and asset protection. Alix has particular expertise working with multiple generations to pass on family wealth and frequently advises families and entrepreneurs on agricultural and business property relief for inheritance tax.

Alix is Chair of the Scottish Branch of the STEP (Society of Tax and Estate Practitioners).

Alix joined Turcan Connell in 2002 after graduating from University of Aberdeen (LLB Hons DipLP). She qualified as a solicitor in 2004 and was assumed as a Partner in 2014.

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Iain Paulin, Chiene + Tait

Iain is a senior manager with Chiene + Tait Personal Tax team. He is a chartered tax adviser with over a decade of experience. Iain advises private clients, family businesses and landowners on tax planning and transactions and has written articles on personal tax issues including inheritance tax and income tax.

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