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**PROMOTIONS AT DIGBY BROWN SOLICITORS**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009 - Digby Brown Solicitors has announced the promotion of four partners, four associates and the appointment of a new head of employment as of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009. The firm, Scotland's largest specialist personal injury practice which has offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee and Glenrothes, now has 16 partners and a staff of approximately 130.

The four partners are:

**Robert Kernaghan**, becomes a partner in the Dundee office, where he specialises in workplace and road traffic accident work. He is a member of and accredited specialist of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) (senior litigator) and is an accredited as a specialist in Personal Injury Law by the Law Society of Scotland.

**Innes Laing**, becomes a partner the Glenrothes office. He is an accredited specialist in Personal Injury Law with Law Society of Scotland; a member of and accredited specialist of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); a member of the committee of Headway Fife; and treasurer of Eczema Scotland.

**Kim Leslie** becomes a partner within the Edinburgh office. She has extensive experience of all types of personal injury work and has a particular interest in accidents abroad. Kim is accredited by the Law Society as a Specialist in Personal Injury Law. She is also a council member for Edinburgh of the Law Society of Scotland, a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); and a member of the Pan European Organisation of Personal Injury Lawyers (PEOPIL).

**Chris Stewart** becomes a partner in the Glasgow office. He has extended Rights of Audience in the Court of Session, House of Lords and Privy Council. Chris has considerable experience in Personal Injury (Employer's Liability and RTA) in both the Sheriff Court and Court of Session. He has lectured in Health & Safety at Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen; has gained expertise in Freedom of Information and Data Protection; is a member of the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL); and of the Society of Solicitor Advocates.

Digby Brown Solicitors has appointed Douglas Jaap, formerly of Gillespie McAndrew as its new head of employment based at its Glasgow office. Douglas who is dual qualified in England and Wales as well as in Scotland has a wealth of experience in all aspects of employment law including representing clients at

employment tribunals, employment appeal tribunals and the courts. He is a Civil Solicitor Advocate who also has experience in other areas of civil litigation in Scotland and throughout the UK.

In addition, the firm has promoted four solicitors to associate status: Ruth Darcy (Edinburgh), Sarah Houston (Dundee), Moira Kay (Glasgow) and Dawn McCafferty (Glasgow).

Robert Swanney, senior partner at Digby Brown Solicitors commented: "We are pleased to announce these well deserved new appointments across our four office bases in Scotland. They are underpinned by our excellent business performance and are significant in terms of our continuing growth objectives."

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**About Digby Brown Solicitors**

Founded in 1907, Digby Brown Solicitors is one of Scotland's largest specialist personal injury practice. Digby Brown has been at the forefront of providing access to justice for accident victims by pioneering "no win no fee" arrangements and by introducing legal expenses insurance and outlays funding schemes. It's expertise in personal injury law, particularly in the fields of catastrophic head and spinal injury, is widely acknowledged. Digby Brown is rated Band 1 by the leading independent publications; Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession and The Legal 500.