

Digby Brown announce new Partners and Associate-level promotions

Promotions across the firm's specialist serious injury and asbestos injury departments within Edinburgh, Glasgow and Kirkcaldy offices

Digby Brown Solicitors have announced three new partners in its specialist Asbestos and Occupational Injury, Serious Injury and Personal Injury teams. The firm have also announced three associate-level promotions.

Euan Love becomes a Partner in the Asbestos and Occupational Injury team, Stuart Barton becomes a Partner in the Serious Injury department and Lianda Barnes becomes a Partner in the firm's Personal Injury operation. Euan Love and Stuart Barton are based in Glasgow, Lianda Barnes in the firm's Kirkcaldy office.

Euan Love, Stuart Barton and Lianda Barnes all undertook their traineeships with Digby Brown, meaning that 8 of the firm's partners have spent their whole legal career at the firm.

The three new Digby Brown Associates are Catriona Headley (Network Department, Edinburgh), Elizabeth Morrison (Serious Injury Department, Glasgow) and Matt Leckie (Personal Injury, Glasgow).

Euan Love joined the firm in 2004 as a trainee and has been part of the Asbestos and Occupational Injury team since 2012. An excellent litigator, he has helped drive growth in an area Digby Brown have achieved significant recent success, including ground breaking decisions in *William Wales v The Advocate General* and *Roger Harris v The Advocate General*.

Stuart Barton has been with Digby Brown since joining as a trainee in 2007, spending his career with the firm in its Serious Injury Department. An accomplished specialist in this area of personal injury law, he has recovered over £20m in damages for clients in the last 5 years alone.

Lianda Barnes has been with Digby Brown since 2006. Before joining the Kirkcaldy office in April 2015, she worked in the firm's Edinburgh and Dundee operations. Lianda played a major role in the development of motorcycle law as a specialism in Digby Brown and is another formidable litigator.

Announcing the promotions, Digby Brown Chief Executive Fraser Oliver said:

"These promotions represent our latest step forward as we go from strength to strength as a business. As a firm we have achieved a lot in recent years but our most important results every day are on behalf of our clients. To keep achieving the best for those we represent, we need to have the right people in place.

"I'm delighted to welcome Euan, Stuart and Lianda as Partners. All three are specialists with a record of getting excellent results for clients and leaders who will help us develop our legal practice across Scotland. We now have 8 partners who have trained at the firm. This is a significant number and reflects the career development opportunities available at all levels within Digby Brown.

"Each of our new Associates already makes a difference for their clients and within their teams' day in, day out. Catriona, Elizabeth and Matt will all play an important part in helping us to continue to meet the threefold mission we have set ourselves – providing excellence in access to justice, being recognised as the leading personal injury practice in Scotland and being an employer of choice."

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Note to News desks

1. Photograph attached with this press release '*Digby Brown Promotions May 2016*'. Pictured, from left to right, are Euan Love, Catriona Headley, Stuart Barton, Matt Leckie, Lianda Barnes and Elizabeth Morrison.

Photo Credit: Ross Barber Photography.

2. In addition to the detail on the three new Digby Brown Partners in the above release, Information on the three new Digby Brown Associates:

Catriona Headley joined Digby Brown in 2009 and has been part of the Network Department, which works with members of the growing Compensate Personal Injury Network, since 2014, playing a key role in developing that team.

Elizabeth Morrison has been with Digby Brown for over 25 years, consistently delivering excellent results for clients as a paralegal while completing the LLB and obtaining her Diploma and qualifying as a Solicitor last year.

Matt Leckie joined Digby Brown in 2012 and is an important part of the firm's Glasgow-based Insurance Litigation operation. Matt will utilise both his technical skills as a litigator and his commercial awareness as the team develops.

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