

Legal Member of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing & Property Chamber

Role of a Legal Member

- To lead proceedings and provide advice to other members and assistance to parties to the proceedings on the legal issues arising, ensuring proceedings are fair and efficiently managed.
- To communicate effectively with all parties.
- To actively manage cases and promote the efficient dispatch of business.
- To weigh up potentially conflicting evidence and support the other members to reach an independent and reasoned decision.
- To work collaboratively with other members of the Chamber and facilitate collective decision making, draft any written decision and statement of reasons and ensure the law is appropriately applied and all relevant issues are covered in the decision.
- To ensure that parties who are not represented can effectively present their case and have it considered fairly.
- To ensure decisions, directions and any orders of the Tribunal are made efficiently, effectively and fairly and notified timeously.
- To seek warrants for entry from the court, give police statements and evidence in prosecutions related to Chamber decisions, and facilitate the effective disposal or determination of matters before the Tribunal.
- To engage constructively in any involvement with the Head of the Scottish Tribunals (the Lord President), the President of the Scottish Tribunals, the Chamber President, other members of the Chamber and Tribunal and all Scottish Courts and Tribunal Service staff supporting the Tribunal.
- To carry out all other tasks that may reasonably be required.

Travel

You may be required to travel throughout Scotland on occasion.

Time Commitment

The time commitment will vary depending on the work of the tribunal but is expected to be around 15 days per year.

Period of appointment

All initial tribunal appointments are made for 5 years with a rolling reappointment every 5 years thereafter until the statutory retirement age, which is currently 70 years of age.

Full details can be found in the relevant legislation.

Relevant legislation

The Legal Member is appointed under [section 32(1) and Schedule 3 of the Tribunals Scotland Act 2014 ('the 2014 Act')] and has the functions set out in that Act, the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984, the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011, the Housing (Scotland) Act 1988 and 2014 and the Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016.

[The First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber \(Procedure\) Regulations 2016](#)

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