

Chamber President of the First Tier Tribunal for Scotland Tax Chamber

Role of the Chamber President

- The Chamber President will provide jurisdictional leadership and management of the tribunal. The Chamber President will maintain and develop the Tax Chamber's reputation as independent and accessible, providing a professional and expert service.
- The Chamber President will contribute to the strategic development of the Scottish Tribunals, supporting the Lord President and President of Scottish Tribunals in their statutory responsibilities.
- The Chamber President will be responsible on a day to day basis for the judicial quality, efficiency and smooth running of the tribunal, reporting to the President of Scottish Tribunals. The Chamber President will demonstrate effective oversight of operations of the tribunal and its members, liaising as appropriate with the President of Scottish Tribunals to discuss and resolve matters of concern.
- The Chamber President will be responsible on a day to day basis for adherence by the tribunal to the relevant rules of procedure.
- The Chamber President will provide such guidance to members in relation to the discharge of duties of the tribunal as appears necessary or expedient.
- The Chamber President will have regard to the welfare of the members of the tribunal and ensure that any policies issued by the Judicial Office for Scotland on behalf of the Lord President in respect of welfare are adhered to.
- The Chamber President will represent the tribunal at conferences, official functions and other meetings.
- The Chamber President must manage and develop appropriate arrangements for the specialist training of members and adhere to any arrangements the Lord President has put in place for the training of members of Scottish Tribunals.
- The Chamber President is responsible for ensuring there is continuous professional development, that judicial standards are maintained and that public confidence remains high regarding decisions of the tribunal.

- The Chamber President will submit a report to the President of Scottish Tribunals, around April or May each year, explaining how the tribunal has exercised its functions during the financial year. This will be for inclusion in the Scottish Tribunals Annual Report which will be published by the President of Scottish Tribunals in accordance with her statutory responsibility.

Time Commitment

The time commitment will vary depending on the work of the tribunal but is expected to be around 30 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 Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014 and the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014 are available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/16/contents>
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2014/10/contents>