



AGRICULTURAL LAW ASSOCIATION

# Agricultural Law Association

# Starter for Ten 2023 Scotland

## Prospectus & Enrolment Form

**Wednesday, 26 & Thursday, 27 April 2023**  
**Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling, FK9 4AE**

## **The Association invites applications to attend the 2023 Starter for Ten - Scotland course.**

The course is principally intended for trainees and the recently qualified but also those who wish to fully revise or receive a thorough introduction to the complexities of agricultural holdings law in Scotland.

The course is held over two full days with formal teaching and informal workshop sessions. No knowledge is assumed, and no question is considered too basic.

The course will provide 11 hours of CPD.

Due to the approach and structure of the teaching and workshop sessions, places are limited to 20 places.

In the course of the two days, we will cover the following principal areas:

### **Agricultural Holdings:**

A comparison of the principal features of the Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 1991, Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) Act 2003 and Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 including Limited Duration Tenancies, Modern Limited Duration Tenancies, Short Limited Duration Tenancies and Grazing Lets; the ways in which these agricultural tenancies are created and terminated; Fixed Equipment, Repairing obligations and enforcement, Conversion of tenancies, Rent Reviews, Succession, Assignation, Tenant's Right to Buy, Resumption, Limited Partnership Tenancies, Partnerships and the implication of partnership dealings on the tenancy and also touching upon land reform as it affects agricultural holdings

### **Other Occupations of Land:**

Contract Farming arrangements, Licences and Share Farming.

### **Basic Payment Scheme:**

How this interacts with different forms of tenancy (i.e. does it belong to the Landlord or Tenant), Transfer of Entitlements upon termination of tenancy, Breaches and Appeal Process, and the ongoing reform of support payments.

### **Scottish Land Court:**

Jurisdiction, Court Rules, Outline of procedures, Examples of recent cases, Actions against Tenants, Actions against Landlords

### **Alternative Dispute Resolution:**

The pro's and con's of arbitration, mediation and expert determination

### **Tenant Farming Commissioner:**

Codes of Practice, Guidance Notes and other statutory responsibilities

## **THE TUTORS:**

### **Heather Bruce, Senior Associate, Turcan Connell**

Heather is accredited by The Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in Agricultural Law. She has experience in a wide range of contentious and non-contentious agricultural law matters principally in connection with agricultural holdings and crofting legislation including preparation of leases and agreements; assistance with negotiations in respect of rent review and waygoing claims; and advice in connection with Scottish Land Court applications. Heather is also a trained mediator with experience in taking clients through the mediation process.

### **Emma Robertson, Senior Associate, Shepherd + Wedderburn**

Emma advises on the creation, operation and termination of agricultural tenancies and is accredited by The Law Society of Scotland as a Specialist in Agricultural Law. She also acts for landowners in the purchase and sale of estates, farms, forestry and other rural properties. In renewables, she advises landowners and developers on a wide variety of projects including wind turbine developments, hydro schemes and biomass systems. Emma is a member of the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen.

### **Kirsten Mitchell MRICS FAAV, Associate Director, Savills**

Kirsten is a RICS Chartered Surveyor and Registered Valuer within the Scottish Rural Professional Team. Kirsten specialises in rural and residential valuation, particularly agricultural property for taxation and loan security purposes, and portfolio valuations. She also assists clients (private clients, trusts and corporate clients) in providing farm management advice (incl. contract farming agreements), agricultural landlord and tenant work (incl. contentious matters), and compensation and access negotiation services. Kirsten is also a Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers.

## **COST:**

The total cost is £400 and includes board and lodging at the Stirling Court Hotel and all course materials and will include free membership of the Association for one year.

## **ENROLMENT:**

To enrol on the course, please complete and return the enrolment form below with your remittance by email to [enquiries@ala.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ala.org.uk)

**Deadline for Enrolment: 5pm on Friday, 31 March 2023**

If you have any queries, please contact Mike Holland on 07885 643341 or at [mike.holland@ala.org.uk](mailto:mike.holland@ala.org.uk)

# Application for enrolment

Please enrol me on the 2023 Starter for Ten Scotland course:

Name: .....

Profession: .....

Company Name .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Dietary requirements: .....

Areas of Professional Work/Experience to date:

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I have made a BACS payment in the sum of £400 (VAT is not applicable as the course falls within the Tour Operators Margin Scheme) to:

Account No: 51283383  
Sort Code: 40-46-39  
Account Name: Agricultural Law Association

