

> WHY SEMPLE FRASER?

What is it about Semple Fraser that attracts so many high profile clients and continues to keep them here, year after year?

The simple answer is they like our style. They recognise the value of a firm that can offer the services of some of the most experienced and respected commercial lawyers in the country, yet is still ambitious and hungry enough to make sure complacency never gets in the way of true client commitment. They appreciate the added value of the way we work as a team on every project, bringing together the combined talents of all groups throughout the firm in a unified effort, dedicated to delivering the best possible commercial outcome for our clients.

And perhaps most of all, they see the sense of our decision to focus our service offerings specifically on the areas that matter to them most in the day-to-day operation of their business. In this way, we can concentrate all our resources on providing a level and depth of specialist expertise in each of these key areas which we believe no other law firm in Scotland can match.

Clients also appreciate our commitment to innovation, demonstrated by the development of our Clarisys system of digital filing. This system gives Semple Fraser clients with a number of projects on the go, the unique advantage of being

able to access real time information on the status of any job at any time as well as sophisticated financial intelligence.

With a genuine UK-wide service, one third of our lawyers are either dual qualified or English qualified and advise our clients and organisations throughout the UK as well as other parts of the European Community. It all adds up to a distinctive choice that continues to reap considerable commercial rewards for our existing clients – and a distinctive alternative that could make all the difference to you.

Other Semple Fraser service areas:

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial Litigation
- Commercial Property
- Construction
- Corporate Employment
- Environment & Pollution
- Intellectual Property
- Planning
- Property Finance
- Tax

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Liquidation

Personal insolvency

Receivership

Security review & enforcement

Turnaround restructuring

& refinancing

« I have worked with Gordon Hollerin for a number of years on corporate recovery and insolvency cases and have always found him to be a lawyer who is great to deal with, pragmatic and focussed on delivering the right result for the clients. I would have no hesitation in recommending him in this highly specialist practice area.»

Blair Nimmo, Partner, KPMG

« A team that demonstrates grounded technical knowledge applied in a practical manner, with flexibility in their style to match the situation and the commercial environment.»

Bruce Cartwright, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

› THE REAL DEAL

There are very few law firms in Scotland which can genuinely claim specialist expertise in the highly complex area of insolvency law.

Semple Fraser has built a strong team of dedicated insolvency professionals whose work has seen the firm race up the legal rankings with a growing reputation for technical expertise underpinned by acute commercial awareness.

Drawing on specialist advice from other areas of the practice such as banking and finance, intellectual property, commercial litigation, employment, environment and commercial property, we provide a full range of insolvency and corporate recovery services to a diverse range of clients nationwide.

This is reflected in a client list which ranges from banks and accountants in their role as insolvency practitioners to companies and private individuals.

Our vast experience in all aspects of commercial insolvency also provides the reassurance of the very best advice in the complementary area of corporate recovery.

In today's uncertain business climate, helping companies get in better shape for the future through restructuring and refinancing now represents a major part of the department's work.

The effects of insolvency can be far reaching with a potentially huge impact on associated businesses and the lives of ordinary people. Expert advice is therefore vital – and that's the benefit of experience at Semple Fraser.

› TRACK RECORD

PricewaterhouseCoopers - Matrix Engineered Systems Ltd (in administration)

Advised the joint administrators in this director-led administration of a large local employer, including advising on complex supply contracts, employment and pensions deficit issues and concluding a sale of the business, securing 90 jobs.

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP - AJT Ltd (in administration)

Acted in this directors-led administration which involved tackling a plethora of property lease and assignation issues. The group of which the company formed part had sold various leases prior to the administrators' appointment, and the team were called upon to investigate and formalise the Company's position in respect of those premises.

KPMG - Nevisport Ltd (in liquidation)

Advised the liquidators of a large sports retail chain.

PricewaterhouseCoopers - Millar McCowan

Advised joint administrators on all aspects of the administration and successful sale as a going concern of this well-known Scottish business.

PKF (UK) LLP

Acted for the liquidator of a group of seven companies wound up in the Court of Session by DTI on public interest grounds. Various issues arose including access to records, non co-operation of directors, missing assets and unacceptable trading practices.

Kroll - Simclar (Ayrshire) Ltd

Advised joint administrators on the numerous issues which arose including interdict against employees who staged a sit-in and employment tribunal applications by employees seeking protective awards.

Royal Bank of Scotland

Acted for Royal Bank of Scotland to protect its interests in a s110 solvent liquidation and reconstruction of the Howie's Restaurants group of companies.

KPMG - Oriental Rugs and Carpets (UK) Ltd (in liquidation)

Acted for the liquidators in a stock sale involving complex ROT issues.