

## Sarah P L Wolffe KC



Sarah Wolffe is a Professor of Practice at Strathclyde Law School and an Honorary Professor at Edinburgh Law School (both appointments made in October 2021). Sarah is also the Senior Legal Chair of the Financial Reporting Council and a Commissioner on the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission. Her other current appointments include: President of the Stair Society (from 2019) and President of the Court of the Scottish Arbitration Centre.

Prior to taking up her academic appointments, Sarah sat as one of the judges in the Commercial Court of the Court of Session (the first woman to hold that position). Sarah was appointed as a Senator of the College of Justice, Scotland's Supreme Courts, in 2014, and stood down in late 2021 to take up her current academic positions.

She was called to the Scottish Bar in 1994; appointed a standing junior to the Department of Trade and Industry in 1996, and took silk in 2008. Her principal areas in practice were in Commercial and Public Law. She was one of the founding members of Axiom Advocates. While in practice she was a contributor or Scottish editor to a number of editions of two legal textbooks, MacGillivray on Insurance Law (including the latest edition) and Mithani on Director's Disqualification. She was one of the UK members on the Panel of Experts looking at the harmonisation of aspects of professional indemnity insurance. She was also, prior to her appointment, the Chancellor (or legal advisor) to several Bishops in the Scottish Episcopal Church. She was born in the United States and her first degree was from Dartmouth College (graduating Summa cum Laude), one of the Ivy League colleges. After post-graduate work at Balliol College at the University of Oxford, she took a graduate LLB from the University of Edinburgh. Her husband, formerly the Lord Advocate, is a KC in private practice in Scotland and England, who also sits part-time as an appeal court judge in the Channel Islands. She has two grown sons (of whom she is inordinately proud).

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- Court
- Nominations Committee
- Income Due Diligence Group
- Race Review Steering Group
- 'Whistleblowing' designated lay member