

## **Alastair Rankin**

### **Senior Partner**



Alastair is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin (BA (Mod)) and was admitted as a solicitor in Northern Ireland in 1977 and became a partner in Cleaver Fulton Rankin in 1980. He has been successively Finance Partner, Managing Partner and is now Chairman and Senior Partner. He was admitted as a solicitor in the Republic of Ireland in 1997. Alastair heads the firm's Private Client Department.

Alastair sits as a part-time chairman of The Pensions Appeal Tribunal for Northern Ireland and is a General Commissioner of Income Tax. He is a member of the Family Division and Chancery Division Liaison Committees of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland and was a member of the Legal Issues Working Committee of the Bamford Review of Mental Health and Learning Disability.

### **Endorsements**

Chambers cites him as having "*substantial knowledge of the law on the tip of his tongue*" and as a consummate "*professional*" who has "*won client trust with a distinctive brand of legal agility and a warm character*"

### **Professional Associations and Qualifications**

Alastair is a member of The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and is currently Chairman of the newly-formed Northern Ireland Branch.

Alastair has been a member of the Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland since 1985 and was President in 1996/7. He represents the Law Society of Northern Ireland on the United Kingdom delegation to the CCBE - the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of the European Union - and was the Head of the UK Delegation in 2005 and 2006.

He is a former chairman of the Northern Ireland branch of The Society for Computers and Law.

### **Teaching Experience and Publications**

Alastair is a part-time lecturer and tutor at The Institute of Professional Legal Studies at The Queen's University of Belfast on the Revenue, Wills and Administration of Estates courses.

Alastair is the Northern Ireland contributor to Tolley's International Succession Laws and to Wills and Probate published by Which?