

## Joy Scott

### Partner



Joy is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast (LLB) and joined Cleaver Fulton Rankin as an Assistant Solicitor in September 1984. She became a partner in January 1988 and was Head of the Private Client Department from 1999 – 2005. She is now in the Property Department.

## Key Transactions

### Property

Joy handles all aspects of non contentious residential, heritage property, historic buildings, listed properties and agricultural property work and has experience of all aspects of registered and unregistered conveyancing including:

- Disposals, acquisitions, options and leases of development land and rural property for developers and private clients.
- Advice to private farmers and clients who own landed estates.
- Advice to riding schools, estate companies and commercial enterprises serving the agricultural sector.
- Advice in regard to diversification within the agricultural sector and in regard to issues such as planning, sporting rights, animal welfare and insurance.
- Advice to clients working in the food industry from farm to factory.
- Advising in regard to agricultural tenancy issues, mineral rights and sporting rights.
- Auctions.
- Licences, wayleaves and easements.
- Compulsory acquisition procedures including public enquiries, advance purchase and disposal of surplus land.
- Advice to banks and lenders on mortgage documentation and procedures (including securitisation).
- Transfers of equity.
- Release and variation of covenants.
- Advice in relation to rating.
- European law issues such as competition, agricultural policy, subsidies and state aids.
- Advice to insurers in relation to general advisory work.

Clients include Bradford & Bingley, Mortgage Express, HSBC, Scottish Widows Bank, Bank of Ireland UK Financial Services, Multi Residential Developments UK Limited, a number of developers and many private clients.

### Education

Joy acts for a number of educational establishments at all levels and work includes:

- Property and advisory work for educational establishments.
- Trusts.
- Charity advice.
- Advice in relation to guidance for trustees/governors on powers and other governance issues.

Clients include The Governors of Methodist College Belfast, The Royal School Armagh, Bloomfield Collegiate School and Integrated Education Fund.

## **Charity**

Joy has worked for a large number of charities of many different types and in many different fields. Work includes:

- Advice in relation to general charity law and charitable purposes.
- Formation and administration of trusts.
- Appointment and removal of trustees.
- Advice in relation to grants and funding.
- Acting on behalf of a charity in relation to a major development of property for the disabled.
- Acting for ecclesiastical charities.
- Advice in relation to contracts with government departments and other quasi governmental bodies.
- Acting for housing associations.
- Cy pres schemes and other types of reorganisation.

Clients include Ulster Cancer Foundation, RNIB, Northern Ireland Institute for the Disabled, Belfast Central Mission, Girl Guide Association and Scout Association.

## **Endorsements**

*"Miss Scott is superb"* - client satisfaction questionnaire.

*"A first class personal service"* - client satisfaction questionnaire.

## **Professional Associations and Qualifications**

Member of the Belfast Solicitors' Association.

Member of the Northern Ireland Commercial Property Lawyers Association.

Member of the International Bar Association.

Member of the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

Appointed a member of the Solicitor's Disciplinary Tribunal in July 1998.

## **Teaching Experience and Publications**

Experience as a part time lecturer and tutor at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies, Queen's University of Belfast.

Has spoken at the Charity Law Association Conference, BDO Stoy Hayward Charities Conference and to the local group of Mencap.