

# Scotland

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# Statistics

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest country in the UK
- Population 5.5 million
- Central belt most populous area
- Mountainous in the north
- nearly 800 islands – large ones very popular with tourists

# History 1

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- Roman invasion only partially successful (Hadrian's Wall built in 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD)
- Viking influence in early Middle Ages
- Auld Alliance with France
- Battles against England at Stirling Bridge (Wallace) and Bannockburn (Robert the Bruce)

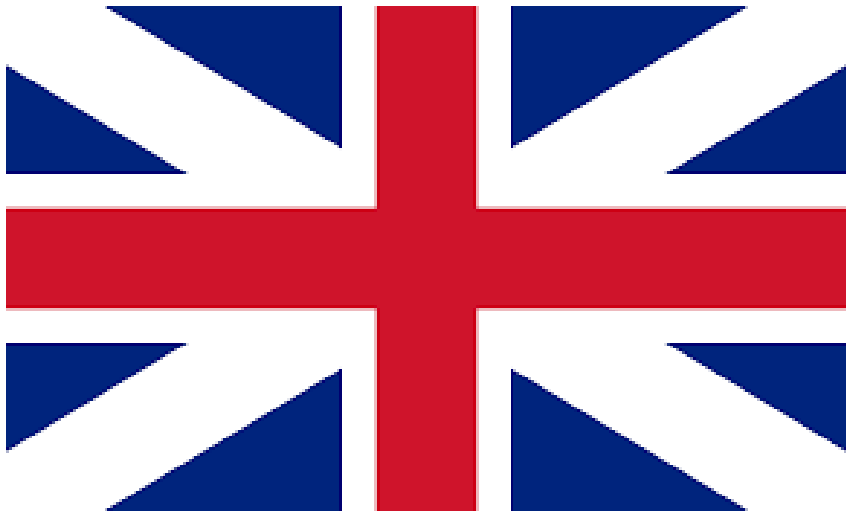




# History 2

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- Scottish Reformation
- Union of the Crowns
- Act of Union creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain
- Scottish Enlightenment
- Glasgow became 'Second City of the Empire'

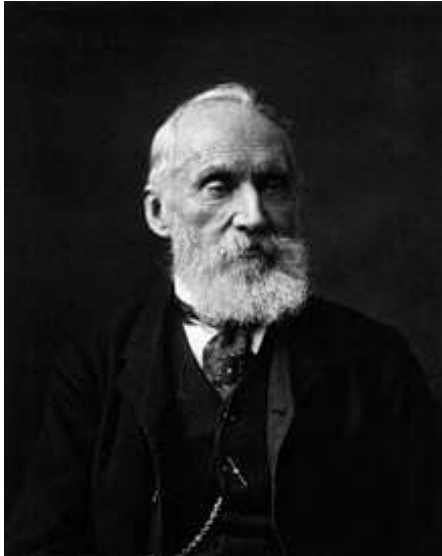
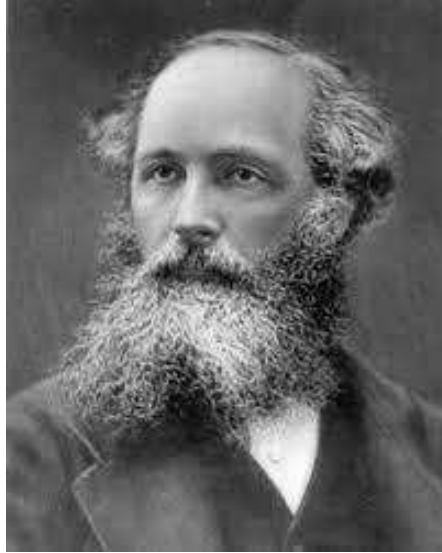




# Scientific impact on world

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- Kelvin (thermodynamics)
- James Stewart Maxwell  
(electromagnetic radiation)
- James Watt (steam engine)

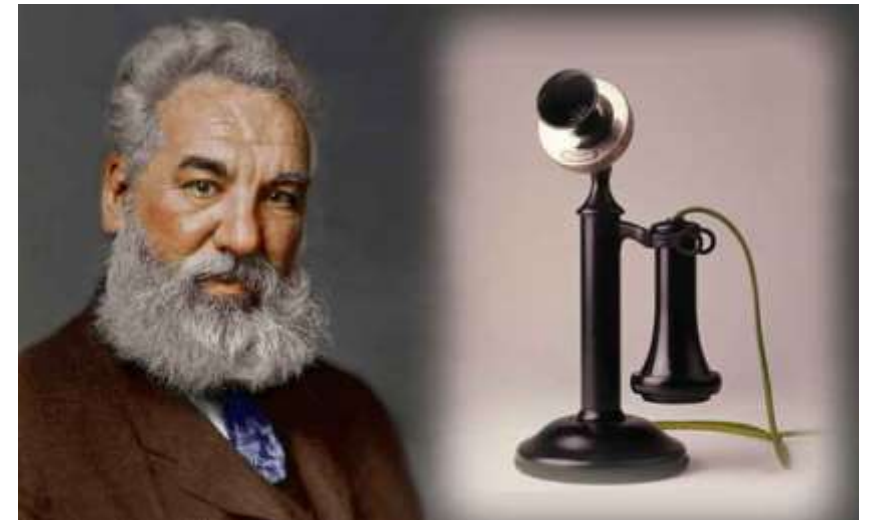


# Inventors

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- John Logie Baird

- Alexander Graham Bell



# Writers

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- Robert Burns

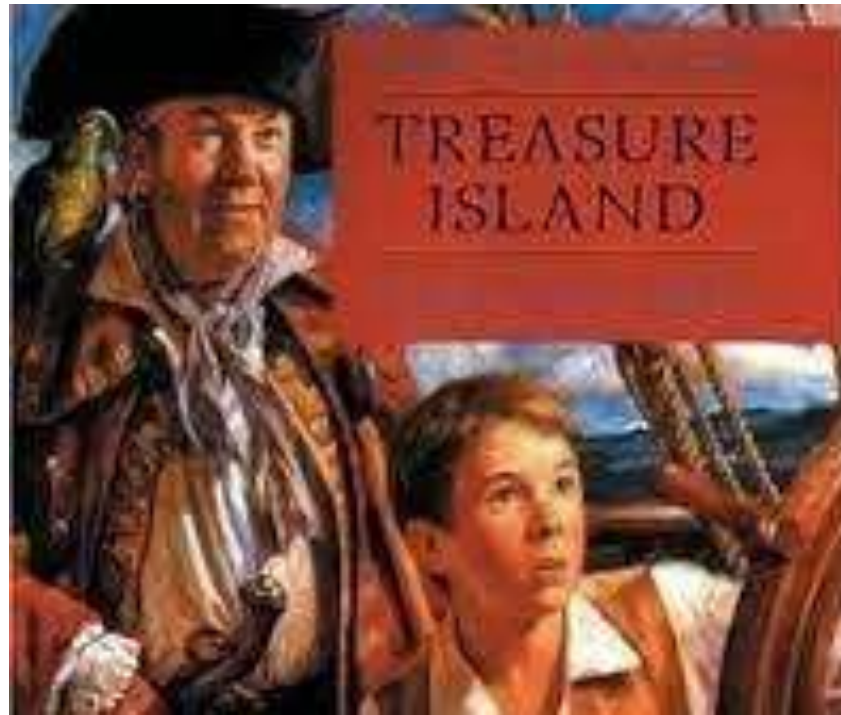
- Robert Louis Stevenson

- Sir Walter Scott

- JM Barrie

- J K Rowling

- Arthur Conan Doyle



# Sport

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Football

Golf

Curling

Tennis





# Politics

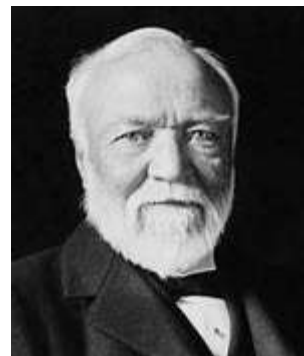
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- Westminster representation
- Devolution (1999)
- Referendum on independence (2014)
- Impact of Brexit?



# Famous Scots

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A pair of brass scales of justice is shown against a white background. The scales are made of polished brass and feature two pans hanging from a central beam. A large, expressive blue brushstroke is overlaid across the center of the image, partially obscuring the scales. The text is placed within this blue area.

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Glasgow

WILLIAM MACREATH

CHAIRMAN OF LEVY & MCRAE  
SOLICITORS



# THE HISTORY OF GLASGOW

- Glasgow in Gaelic is *Glaschu* meaning “green glen” or “green place”.
- Development in 550AD with the arrival of St Kentigern (St Mungo).
- Trade with the Americas developed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.





# THE RIVER CLYDE & INDUSTRY

- By the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, the River Clyde became the heart of Glasgow.
- The tobacco trade ended, but the Industrial Revolution brought numerous trades to Glasgow, but most importantly, shipbuilding.



- Industrial decline reduces the inner city's population and high-rise development schemes replaced Glasgow's tenements.





## RETAIL & TOURISM

- Tourism has been increasing in Glasgow, aided by the Scottish Events Campus.

# EDUCATION & CULTURE

- University of Glasgow, founded in 1451 and University of Strathclyde in 1796.
- Glasgow offers many cultural experiences including Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall.
- Scotland's most famous rivalry takes place at Hampden Park.





# THE HISTORY OF LEVY & MCRAE SOLICITORS



Abraham Levy established the firm in 1919.



Willie McRae then became Abraham Levy's partner.



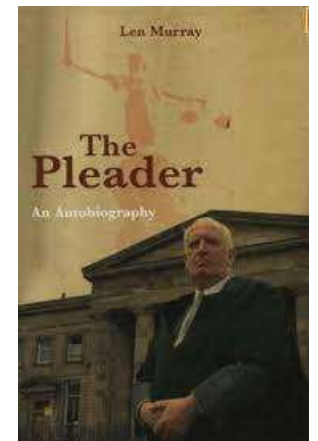
Len Murray joined the firm in the late 1950s.



The Firm's work was primarily conveyancing, winding up Estates and debt recovery work as Criminal Legal Aid only arrived in 1964.



LEVY & MCRAE





# Levy & McRae – Services offered

Levy & McRae is a leading Scottish specialist litigation law firm. The firm acts for both corporate and individual clients. We are based in Glasgow, and also have office locations in Edinburgh and London.

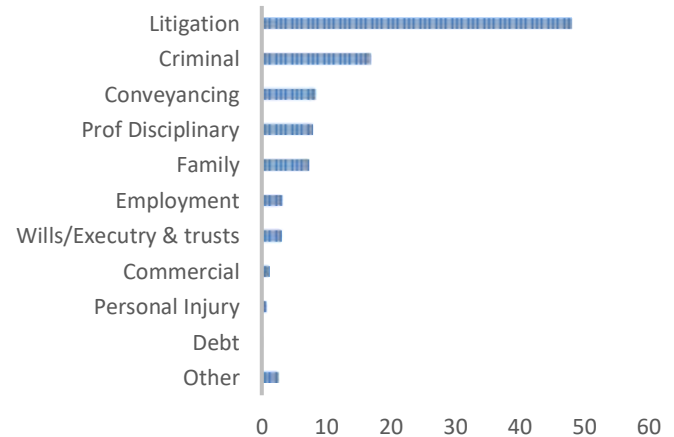
Fee income by work type – 2021/22

• Litigation	48.1%
• Criminal	17.0%
• Conveyancing	8.5%
• Prof Disciplinary	7.9%
• Family	7.4%
• Employment	3.2%
• Wills/Executry	3.2%
• Commercial	1.3%
• Personal Injury	0.8%
• Debt	0.1%
• Other	2.7%

Fee income



WORK TYPES %



## Niche Practice areas

- Professional/regulatory
- Media
- Specialist commercial litigation
- Criminal law (all areas)
- Construction
- Matrimonial
- Property
- Rural (agricultural and sporting)
- Medical Negligence



# Case study – Alex Salmond

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- Judicial review
- Criminal trial
- Parliamentary Inquiry

