



Through good times, and bad times
we're with you for a lifetime



marshall
ross & munro

solicitors, notaries & estate agents

WELCOME TO JOHN JACKSON & DICK



More than a few years ago, just before starting University, I bent my Dad's car. Legal advice was required, so Dad took me to the family solicitors, Marshall Ross & Munro. That was my first practical experience of the law and lawyers.

Dad and my grandfather, both quite well known in Bellshill during their careers, were friendly with MRM's then senior partners. I dealt with them later when they wound up my grandfather's estate. So, even before I qualified as a solicitor and joined John Jackson & Dick, I had a good impression of MRM, knew some of the partners quite well, and saw them as role models. Over the years I have dealt with MRM often, and continue to hold them in high regard.

It was with some sadness that I heard that MRM could not continue as an independent firm after Charles Bow's retirement. However, I was delighted to hear that he regarded us as being the most suitable firm to look after MRM's clients.

For me, it feels like completing an unforeseen circle.

Charles knows that we are quite like MRM. Being around for "only" 85 years, JJD also has its foundation in good, long-term relationships with clients who return again and again. Such relationships are built on consistent, quality service.

We look forward to welcoming you as clients

We value our reputation, not only among clients, but also among local accountants, financial advisers, and other solicitors, who often ask us to handle or advise on complex matters, such as high value company, business, commercial property and pension fund transactions, and trusts and inheritance tax planning.

Charles will continue to practise with us as a Consultant, full-time for

the first few months, then progressively reducing his time and transferring his caseload to our team until retirement. He joins our team of five experienced solicitors, each of us concentrating on specific areas of law, so that we can offer high standards across a range of work which is wide enough for the needs of most of our clients. To handle our own expanding caseload and ensure continuity of service to our clients and the future of the firm, we were already planning to bring in capable, additional solicitors, and will advance that to create capacity as Charles cuts back.

We look forward to welcoming you as clients. Please feel free to call us, or drop in to meet us at our office in Hamilton.

Euan Stirrat

MEET THE JOHN JACKSON & DICK TEAM

COMMERCIAL Euan Stirrat

Experienced in many areas of law, but for 25 years has concentrated on company and business law, commercial property, leasing, pension property investment, contracts, professional practices and partnerships. Euan acts for many well-known local businesses, and has handled some of the biggest transactions in recent years involving Lanarkshire companies.



The John Jackson & Dick Team with Charles Bow

PRIVATE CLIENT Pauline Milligan

Qualified as a solicitor in Scotland, England and New Zealand, and after successful periods in banking and insurance law, joined John Jackson & Dick in 2007 to handle our private client business, including executories, trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Guardianships, Inheritance Tax and elderly care planning. Pauline regularly presents retirement planning seminars to NHS staff, on behalf of Solicitors for Older People (Scotland). Assisted by **Emma McCutcheon**, Executry Paralegal, and **Debbie Lusk**, Secretary, and **Charles Bow** will work with them.



RESIDENTIAL CONVEYANCING Kenneth Miller

With support staff in our Hamilton office and Strathaven branch, over 25 years Kenneth has handled many thousands of house purchases and sales for our clients. He also deals with residential developments and buy-to-let investments. JJD is on the panels of most mortgage lenders. Assisted by **Pauline Meldrum** in Hamilton, and **Liz Young** and **Julie-Ann Rae** in Strathaven. **Charles Bow** will continue to handle conveyancing with this team.



COURT, CLAIMS & FAMILY LAW John Gildea

Civil Solicitor-Advocate. After 18 years as an Advocate, both civil litigation and criminal, John changed to the solicitor branch of law, but as a Solicitor-Advocate, he remains qualified to represent clients in the Court of Session. He is one of only two Civil Solicitor-Advocates practising in Lanarkshire. Advocates are accustomed to litigating in many areas of law, so can deal with diverse areas like family law, commercial litigation, and employment law. John has considerable experience of accident claims, and played a leading role in winning equal pay rights for local government employees.



Jonathan Findlay

Practised both in the private sector and as a senior solicitor in local government before joining JJD to strengthen our commercial capability, dealing with commercial property and business purchases and sales. Jon has considerable experience of planning law, development, public sector contracts and other aspects of local government law. In addition, Jon served 14 years as a Councillor and Bailie on Glasgow City Council, chairing influential committees including Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, co-ordinating public transport policy for 12 local authorities in the West of Scotland, so has vast experience of managing and dealing with public sector organisations and their commercial partners.



Marshall Ross & Munro has provided legal services in Motherwell for over a century, long being among the biggest firms in the area, and at its peak with six partners and a large support team. As other partners have retired over the years, I have found myself as “last man standing”. Recruiting and retaining good, younger solicitors, with the motivation and ability to run a practice, has become difficult in the last couple of decades, and is a problem nationally.

I thank all clients for your support over the years

Now in my late 60's and having practised law in Edinburgh, Motherwell and Hamilton since the 1970's and under some pressure from family to retire, I have a difficult decision to make. To continue practising as a sole practitioner was not an option and so I decided to seek out another practice with a similar ethos and background to take over/carry on the business. I have dealt with John Jackson & Dick for many years, know them as a firm of similar history and experience, located fairly near to us, and consider them to be very well suited to provide continuing service to my clients. I commend them to you. I am not retiring immediately, and am taking a role of Consultant Solicitor to John Jackson & Dick to ensure a smooth transition, with a view to winding down and retiring in 2020.

I thank all clients for your support over the years, and hope that I and John Jackson & Dick may be of service to you in the next couple of years and far beyond.

Charles Bow

Need to get in **touch** with us?
We're here to **help**

Hamilton Office

48 Cadzow Street
Hamilton
ML3 6DT
Tel: 01698 281747

Strathaven Office

3 Bridge Street
Strathaven
ML10 6AN
Tel: 01357 522959

mail@jacksondicklaw.com

www.jacksondicklaw.com