



CORE TRAINING 28 & 29 SEPTEMBER 2019

The next core training for FLAGS Family Law Arbitrators will take place in Edinburgh on 28 and 29 September 2019.

The Family Law Arbitration Group (Scotland) – FLAGS – has 47 trained Arbitrators to date. Those individuals are experienced Family Law Solicitors, Counsel and former members of the judiciary.

Our first two training courses were oversubscribed and due to popular demand a third course is now being run. To become a FLAGS arbitrator you must (i) complete the FLAGS training course which involves you attending both days of the training and then passing a separate written assessment on award writing, and (ii) if you are a solicitor, be accredited as a specialist in family law by the Law Society of Scotland or, if you are counsel, be able to demonstrate that you have been in practice for seven years (which can be a combination of practice at the Bar, as a solicitor or solicitor advocate) with a significant family law element to your practice. There is no specialisation requirement for former members of the judiciary.

The training, which has been tailored to the Scottish FLAGS arbitration model, will be given by Sheriff Wendy Sheehan and [Rachael Kelsey](#), both of whom were members of the six strong group of solicitors and counsel set up in 2004 to explore the possibility of a bespoke family law arbitration scheme, which led to the formation of FLAGS in 2011. Sheriff Sheehan has many years experience as a family law Sheriff and has trained FLAGS arbitrators previously. Rachael has experience acting as an arbitrator under the FLAGS model and has also trained arbitrators/adjudicators in Scotland and abroad.

The course will cover general training for arbitrators including taking written and oral evidence and writing awards and will focus on the particularities of arbitration in family law matters- both financial and child cases. It will take place on a non-residential basis in Edinburgh on the weekend of 28th and 29th September 2019 - commencing 8.30am on Saturday 28th until 5pm on Sunday 29th. Included in the cost (£975 per person) will be materials, a copy of the Act and the Scottish Arbitration Handbook, assessment, catering during the training, and (optional) dinner on the Saturday evening. Attendance over the full course will be required (8.30am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am to 5pm on Sunday). If you would like more information about the project generally or to express interest in the training to take place in September 2019 please contact FLAGS Secretary, [Lesley Gordon](#), who can give you more information.