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Chair of the International Legal Aid Group and
Director, Centre for Professional Legal Studies,
Strathclyde University , Glasgow, UK



Professional Employment

2001-Present

Director, Centre for Professional Legal Studies, (an independent think tank focusing on access to justice and the legal profession) at Strathclyde University Law School, Scotland.

1984-Present

Professor of Law, Strathclyde University Law School

1975-1984

Lecturer in law, Edinburgh University Law Faculty

1980

Solicitor, Scotland

Biography

Professor Paterson is the Chair of the *International Legal Aid Group* (an international network of 150 or so leading policymakers and legal aid researchers in the Access to Justice field) and has organised research based conferences to discuss evidence based policymaking biennially for ILAG in different countries around the world (next year's conference – the thirteenth - will be held in Ottawa, Canada).

Chair of the Legal Aid and Legal Services Group of the International Working Group on Comparative Legal Professions;

Chair of the Legal Services Group of Citizens Advice Scotland;

Research Adviser on Quality Assurance to the Scottish Legal Aid Board and the Scottish Law Society (responsible for the training and monitoring aspects of the peer review of all legal aid lawyers in Scotland);

Professor Paterson was the international academic adviser to the independent Strategic Review of Legal Aid in Scotland established by the Scottish Government 2017-18.

In 2013 he published *Face to Face Legal Services and their Alternatives*

([http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/faculties/hass/law/cpls/Face to Face.pdf](http://www.strath.ac.uk/media/faculties/hass/law/cpls/Face_to_Face.pdf))

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In late 2010 and early 2011, Professor Paterson delivered the Hamlyn lectures for 2010 *Lawyers and the Public Good*. (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

