A trusted guide, counsel and expert for the things that matter – over a lifetime.
Life is full of challenges, opportunities and, sometimes, unexpected moments. But they’re not the same for everyone – we’re all different.

At Turcan Connell, that understanding is central to everything we do for our clients, as it has been since the beginning.

So, as Scotland’s leading light for legal and tax services, we provide guidance, insight and solutions specific to you and your changing needs through life.

Working together, our integrated team of experts will make sure what matters most to you and your loved ones is looked after properly, now and for the future.

This means providing a full range of legal and tax services. We believe that this joined-up, interdisciplinary approach really sets Turcan Connell apart and enables us to provide the very best advice and counsel.

We understand that our clients face changing circumstances during their lifetimes and we are often there at the most important and sometimes difficult points to provide advice, whether on an issue regarding employment or on the breakdown of a relationship.

We strive always to offer a highly personal and considered approach and our clients trust us to guide and support them in the right way.

Founded in 1997, today we have over 20 partners and a total staff of around 230 offering a unique combination of skills and expertise covering tax, estate and succession planning, employment, dispute resolution, family and private businesses, divorce and family, land and property and charity law.

In late 2015, our wealth management business, Turcan Connell Asset Management, became a standalone entity, operating under the Tcam banner.

Turcan Connell’s offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London serve a broad range of clients who value the focus which we can bring to their affairs.
The vision for Turcan Connell has always been to offer all of the legal advice that an individual and their family might need during their lifetime, under one roof.

Passing assets over to the next generation is often driven by tax planning considerations, but inherited wealth brings its own risks and anxieties.

Those who have worked hard to create or preserve family wealth can face the risk that such wealth may be dissipated by extravagance, recklessness, bad management or by the consequences of divorce or separation. We have a strong commitment to the role of the experienced family adviser providing both technical advice and a source of wise counsel.

With the largest Wills, Estate Planning and Succession practice in Scotland, we offer advice on all aspects of will drafting and powers of attorney, the setting up of trusts and detailed advice on inheritance and capital gains tax. In the case of individuals or families wishing more extensive advice on a host of legal matters, we can draw on the skills of our land and property, divorce and family law and employment experts, to ensure that our clients’ plans are fully considered and properly integrated.

“Turcan Connell’s breadth and depth of experience creates clear blue water between it and other firms”

Chambers
Expert tax advice can mitigate your tax liabilities, make use of available reliefs and avoid tax planning traps.

We advise a wide range of clients including landowners, senior executives, shareholders and entrepreneurs, individuals, families, trusts, charities and privately owned businesses. We often advise on international tax issues in respect of assets owned abroad, foreign nationals resident in the UK and UK nationals resident overseas.

Through the largest trust and tax legal practice in Scotland we provide the highest quality of service to clients across a broad range of circumstances and tax planning areas.
Whether you are looking for advice on a straightforward property transaction or a complex development deal or are considering how best to diversify, you need to know that you have the expert advice that can guide you and help you avoid any pitfalls.

Our dedicated team of lawyers will provide you with clear and concise advice and help you resolve the matter in a pragmatic and painless way.

As well as handling the purchase, sale and leasing of property, we advise on all the legal aspects of managing rural property. These include agricultural finance, mineral exploitation, agricultural subsidies, farming partnerships and tenancies. We also advise on the commercial development of rural property through activities such as forestry, fish and shellfish farming, crofting and the sale of development land.

We have considerable experience in all aspects of renewable energy developments, including wind farms, hydro power and biomass.

RENEWABLES

Opportunities for renewable development in Scotland have never been more abundant, as the demand for green energy continues to grow. The Scottish Government’s ambitious objective of having the equivalent of 100% of Scotland’s electricity demand generated from renewable sources by 2020 is achievable if we can realise the full potential.
Issues concerning personal relationships call for sensitivity and understanding alongside the technical legal skills required to deal with the complex and changing landscape of family law.

Turcan Connell has one of the largest teams of divorce and family law practitioners in Scotland providing a breadth of experience in a range of specialist skills. All aspects of separation, divorce and the dissolution of civil partnerships are handled by our team.

Our emphasis is on achieving a swift and effective resolution of all issues arising out of a relationship breakdown, whether of a financial nature or relating to arrangements for the care of children. We have particular expertise in dealing with the international and cross-border aspects of divorce and family law and substantial experience in preparing prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. We are able to advise on cohabitation agreements and all matters in relation to the termination of cohabitation. Our team works closely with experts in other areas of the firm to provide you with a comprehensive service.

“Widely recognised as the leading Family Law Practice in Scotland for high net worth divorce cases”
Chambers
Our breadth and depth of expertise in dealing with everything that matters to charities is unrivalled and gives us a comprehensive perspective on the needs of the sector.

The benefit derived from this experience means that, from national institutions to small foundations, we are more likely to understand your particular circumstances.

Our Partners are leading the development of charity law in Scotland and we give advice that is tailored to our clients’ needs.

We advise on the creation and merger of charities, variation of purposes, trustees’ powers and duties, and relationships with regulatory bodies such as HM Revenue & Customs, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, Companies House and other arms of Government.

Our services to charities includes accounting and administration, in itself an increasingly specialised area, through Turcan Connell Charity Office.

Clients include charities of all types and of all sizes, including major national bodies, heritage and arts charities, grant-giving trusts, fundraising bodies, endowment funds, private foundations and cross-border charities with operations in Scotland.

Turcan Connell is singled out as delivering “work and advice of the highest standard” by The Legal 500.
It is not always cost efficient for charities to maintain their own offices. Nevertheless, many charities require a proper support mechanism to ensure that they can manage their accounting, administrative and grant-making services to best effect.

Turcan Connell Charity Office is our tailored approach specifically designed with such charities in mind. Turcan Connell Charity Office provides charities with a ‘virtual office’, free from the burden of overheads and employment of staff and without the risk of operating expensive, dedicated premises. Full support on every aspect of a charity’s affairs is given, from secretarial support and assistance with grant-making policy to the handling of applications and processing of grants, and includes support with the maintenance of statutory and regulatory reporting and records.

Annual returns and accounts can be managed on behalf of the charity, and trustee meetings can be held in our offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow or London.
Having to deal with issues relating to employment law can be particularly stressful, so you need to know that you are receiving the best possible advice and counsel and feel wholly supported throughout.

The central ethos of the employment law team at Turcan Connell is to work proactively, in the best interests of our clients, to avoid resorting to litigation where possible.

Where the need for litigation does arise, the team has significant expertise and experience in the process and has won several very high profile cases in recent years.

We also recognise the need at senior executive level for detailed advice on a range of issues including contractual arrangements, terms and conditions, restrictive covenants, severance packages and compromise agreements. We offer a dedicated service which covers all these aspects and provides senior executives with advice at all stages of their careers.
We understand that our clients face challenges and changing circumstances which can sometimes result in disputes.

Our dispute resolution team provides focused advice on a wide range of contentious and potentially contentious issues. Litigation can be costly and time-consuming so we will explore with clients whether disputes can be resolved in the first place through mediation or negotiation.

Where litigation cannot be avoided, the level of expertise within the team allows us to provide practical advice on a full range of issues. We act for a broad spectrum of clients including private individuals, businesses, rural estates, not-for-profit organisations, trustees, trust companies and partnerships.

We regularly conduct cases in the Court of Session and Sheriff Courts throughout Scotland and our team can guide you through the process whether someone is pursuing an action or defending their rights. Our team has detailed knowledge and experience of alternative methods of dispute resolution such as mediation and arbitration.
Our business law team provides corporate and commercial advice to family and private businesses across a wide range of industries. Our aim is to work closely and effectively with our clients, providing tailored advice to support the long-term aims of their businesses.

Many of our clients are involved in family businesses and require detailed business law advice. There is also a growing need for support on joint venture agreements, limited liability partnerships and other commercial contracts. Much of our work is involved in advising business owners with particular reference to succession arrangements, asset protection and tax planning as an integral part of the advice we provide.

We offer business owners a wealth of experience in succession planning for family businesses, general commercial contracts and transactions, intellectual property, corporate governance, funding, joint venture agreements and limited liability partnerships. The interdisciplinary nature of the services we provided means that we can offer clients and their businesses a full range of legal and tax services. We work closely with our colleagues on employment, tax, trust, succession planning, dispute resolution, intellectual property and philanthropy issues to ensure that the service received is seamless, whether the client is based in the UK or internationally.

We take a proactive approach to our clients’ businesses, identifying appropriate solutions to manage risk at an early stage. The broad commercial experience which our lawyers have means they are able to add real value to our clients’ affairs.

“Turcan Connell remains a leader in the Scottish private client field, offering a wide range of services at the highest level, with a specialist focus on family businesses and partnership matters”

Chambers
We keep clients informed of any changes to the tax system, particularly where such changes are likely to have a significant impact.

Turcan Connell has one of the largest tax compliance teams in Scotland and our highly experienced people have the expertise to ensure that clients' tax affairs are managed efficiently and correctly.

Our team of tax professionals deal with the tax affairs of around 1,800 clients each year. In the majority of cases this involves compiling and filing annual Self Assessment Tax Returns with HM Revenue & Customs in addition to managing the tax payments of those clients. We prepare tax returns for a variety of clients, including individuals, partnerships, trusts and estates, and work closely with our legal colleagues to ensure that all aspects of our clients' affairs are fully considered.

As part of our service we are constantly on the lookout for ways to best plan and manage financial affairs, keeping matters simple and uncomplicated. We also keep our clients informed of any changes to the tax system, particularly where such changes are likely to have a significant impact.
We advise on asset protection matters and succession to property on death across different jurisdictions. This includes advising on the most appropriate property holding structures and the interaction of property and succession laws of different jurisdictions.

We also advise on residence and domicile issues and the correct structuring of wills and trusts for worldwide estates.

INTERNATIONAL

The origins of the Family Office concept stretch back to the 19th century when early models, focused on managing the affairs of single, wealthy families, emerged on both sides of the Atlantic. The concept has evolved since then and now extends to multi-family offices serving the needs of more than one family.

The term ‘Family Office’ itself has also evolved over time and now has multiple meanings depending on its context – often with investment as a sole focus. At Turcan Connell, we believe that a Family Office service should offer our clients a great deal more.

The Family Office is built around the principle of ‘trusted counsel’ – a constant source of sophisticated advice, guiding the family on every aspect of their affairs.

We blend tradition with modern thinking to structure the family’s affairs providing absolute peace of mind that all aspects have been considered in depth and from every angle.

Each family receives a service that is personal to them and which integrates the skills of a powerful team of professionals, including leading private client lawyers and specialists in property, tax compliance, tax planning and trust accounting.

Turcan Connell’s partnership structure allows us to provide a mature, continuous service to a family over the years and across generations. Each family has a dedicated partner who oversees the service at all times, ensuring the highest quality of stewardship of the family’s affairs.

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