

Personal

Highly self-motivated aspiring trainee lawyer who possesses a proven ability to analyse complex arguments, and present the material in an accessible and compelling manner in both the written and spoken word. Particularly strong in oral presentations. Demonstrates a strong sense of civic responsibility and organisational talent.

Excellent Public Speaking Skills

- Finalist of Strathclyde University Mooting Competition, 25 April 2008 – Lord Brodie presiding stated, "Mr McConnachie, your presentation before me today was something that people who appear before me for real, could learn from."
- Invited and spoken in the House of Lords and at international economic conferences in Chicago, Toronto and Dublin.

Proven Ability to Write Effectively and Persuasively

- Editor and Publisher of 2 subscription-based newsletters on politics and economics, for over 10 years.

Organisational Experience and Expertise

- Organised 11 annual internationally-acclaimed economic conferences.

Civic Responsibility

- Stood for public office 9 times at European, British, Scottish and Council level.
- Director of a charity for the relief of poverty.

References

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Relevant Education

Diploma in Legal Practice

July 2009

LLB (Hons) from Strathclyde University

July 2008

Honours Examination Results

Banking Law	70% (First Class)
European Community Law	66% (2:1)
Legal Aspects of International Trade	61% (2:1)
Legislation	60% (2:1)
Dissertation: " <i>Has Britain Lost Control of its Borders? Examining the Impact of EC and Human Rights Laws on Britain's Law of Entry.</i> "	37%

Publications

Journals

- Editor and Publisher of *Sovereignty* – 8-page subscription-based publication, which reached its 120th consecutive and concluding monthly issue in June 2009.
- Editor and Publisher of *Prosperity* – 4-page subscription-based publication established as a monthly in January 2000 and now quarterly, at issue 86.

Reports

- *Clarifying our Money Reform Proposals* – 40-page, self-published, October 2006.
- *How Britain Lost Control of its Borders* – 24-page, self-published, July 2009; a 20,000 words, 10 chapter development of the dissertation subject.
- *Political Party Activism: A Guide* – 20-page, self-published, July 2009.

Articles and Letters

- Over 400 in the above Journals, and over 150 letters published in national newspapers and magazines.

Notable Presentations

- **House of Lords:** Address to the Forum for Stable Currencies, "Raising Awareness of our Reforms", 25 February 2004.
- **Toronto:** Address to the Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform, "The Policy of Publicly-Created Money", 29 May 2004.
- **Chicago:** Address to the American Monetary Institute, "Our Money Reform brings Democracy and Freedom from Debt Slavery", 29 September 2005.
- **Dublin:** Address to *FEASTA*: The Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability, "Stopping the Debt Driver: Why Reforming the Way our Money is Created Holds the Key to Halting Unsustainable Growth", 3 October 2006.
- **Chicago:** Address to the American Monetary Institute, "Inoculating Against Finance Fever", 26 September 2008.
- **London:** Address to the Global Vision 2000 Conference, "Putting the Horse before the Cart Again: Putting the Economy before the Banks", 13 December 2008.

Relevant Skills

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- Clear and confident public speaker who enjoys being in front of an audience.
- Proven ability to generate customer loyalty, indicated by producing 2 subscription-based newsletters successfully for over 10 years.
- Determined and focused attitude evidenced by delivering over 10 years of publications.

Inter-personal

- Collaborative skills and ability to work with others to produce successful outcomes, proven by organising 11 successful annual economic conferences.
- Diplomatic people skills acquired through self-employment, which teaches the importance of cultivating contacts, maintaining long-term relationships with customers and keeping them supportive of a common goal.
- Ability to interview people and present their cases coherently, comprehensively and concisely, demonstrated by several published interview articles.

Research

- Ability to understand and analyse complex economic, political and legal arguments, and present the material in an accessible and persuasive manner.
- Ability to work to deadlines while maintaining a keen eye for detail, which involves proofing each draft publication several times, for grammatical and typographical errors.
- Conscientious editor who will not allow any claims or quotes to be published without submitting them first to a rigorous accuracy-checking procedure.

Relevant Administrative Roles

- Established, and is a Director of, the James Gibb Stuart Trust, a registered charity. This involves a commitment to maintaining the organisation as a financially viable entity.
- Organiser of the annual Bromsgrove Conference on economic affairs. This involves working with, and coordinating successfully, 50 people and 15 speakers each year.