

McGrigors announce possible redundancies in Edinburgh

McGrigors is one of Scotland's largest firms of solicitors. The firm has offices in London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Belfast, Aberdeen, Manchester and the Falkland Islands. They have today announced that they are to make 40 people in their firm redundant and that may include personnel within the Edinburgh office.

A spokesperson for McGrigors said:-

"In May 2009 we announced a series of cost saving measures which we hoped would allow us to ride out the worst of the downturn, protect jobs and safeguard the long term health of the business in the event of an economic recovery. Unfortunately, over the past 12 months it has become increasingly clear that an immediate recovery is not going to emerge, and that we are instead facing a sustained period of market uncertainty – particularly while the effects of the public sector spending review become clear.

For this reason we have decided to take steps to restructure the business in a way which more closely reflects client demand. As a result, I am sorry to confirm that we have entered into a redundancy consultation with a limited number of staff. It is anticipated that this will result in the departure of around 40 people, spread across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. A number of practice areas will be affected, as will a small group of support staff.

This is not a matter which has been entered into lightly, and we do so only as a last resort. We have always endeavoured to do the right thing by our people and believe that everything possible has been done- such as secondments to clients or other departments, sabbaticals, flexible working, pay freezes- for as long as possible, to avoid this measure."