

A SCOTTISH law firm has expanded its repertoire and for the first time will be offering a specialised agricultural service to clients as it look to the future.

Kerr Stirling has recruited agricultural law expert Andrew Ion as a partner. With more than 30 years' experience, he will facilitate the company's move into the rapidly expanding agricultural law market. He joins them from Dunblane firm Mclean and Stewart, where he has been a partner since 1984.

Kerr Stirling managing partner Colin Mackenzie said "It is a real feather in our cap to have recruited Andrew. Agricultural law in Scotland has undergone some considerable and complex changes in recent years and few firms have specialists with Andrew's vast experience. We are very excited about the appointment and the new agricultural arm of Kerr Stirling, which we are confident will now go from strength to strength."

Looking towards a landed future



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Mr Ion joins the firm at a time when agricultural legal work is in great demand and with predictions that, for example, potential windfarm sites on agricultural land are likely to

be earmarked and highly sought after throughout the next decade, it is clearly an area of enormous growth. Mr Ion said: "My expertise in agricultural work extends to buying and selling of farms and farmland, attending to the different forms of leases of agricultural land, windfarm deals including negotiations for landowners and tenant farmers, agricultural partnerships disputes and executory business with an agricultural slant. Mr Ion's appointment is the first part of Kerr Stirling's five year plan to achieve growth throughout and through the end of the recession. Colin Mackenzie said: "Further expansion is planned and the wider services we offer are I believe, the way forward."