



Mr Sheriff George Gillon FRICS CC
Sheriff of the City of London 2008/2009

After 14 years in Glasgow, ultimately running the Scottish business of Richard Ellis, George Gillon moved with his family to the City of London in 1979 to develop corporate occupier advice - largely for the financial and insurance sectors. After building that specialist team, he was invited to join the 275 year-old practice of Drivers Jonas to establish their City of London business in 1986 and became an Equity Partner in 1988 - joining the Main Board in 1991 (helping to manage the Firm out of the last recession!)

In the Richard Ellis phase he advised many Banks, Insurance Companies, Institutions and Livery Companies in property acquisition and disposals.

In building the Drivers Jonas City business initially with just 15 others, Sheriff Gillon advised similar major organisations in these sectors including The Bank of Scotland, The Royal Bank of Scotland, Schroder, and a number of European Banks. He acted for the City of London Corporation on occasions and for Institutions including Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the British Bankers Association, the Securities and Futures Authority, British Invisibles and the Association of Investment Trusts.

In 2002 Sheriff Gillon retired from full-time practice and has seen Drivers Jonas continue to grow in the City now to 300 people. Having originally studied architecture before becoming a chartered surveyor he takes great satisfaction in having had an involvement in some of the world's finest office buildings and their importance to attracting the leading international companies here.

Although now retired from full-time practice, he has a significant non executive directorship of the Stewart Milne Group, one of Scotland's largest private companies operating throughout the UK with over 1000 staff and 2007 turnover 2006-7 of £350 million. The company, headquartered in Aberdeen, is the leading manufacturer of timber frame systems for housing and is a quality housebuilder in its own right throughout the UK.

As Sheriff of London, Sheriff Gillon will have a wide variety of civic, livery and charitable events during his year in office, as well as supporting the Lord Mayor in his role as the ambassador for UK financial and professional services at home and abroad.

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