

The role of the courts in Norway and Scotland

Partner Seminar, Aberdeen, Taylor Building in the Law School (meeting room), Thursday 30.03. 10:00 to 12:00

Part I: Presentations:

Sigrid: Administrative judicial review

Ingunn: The Role of the general Courts by review of administrative decisions/ concessions

Siv Elen: Can the Municipality take legal action against the Central government?

Anne-Michelle Slater: The Scottish Administrative Tribunals and Court System

Part II: Discussions/comparative studies

Issues of discussion:

- The relationship between the development-plans and the planning permissions
 - Is there more “local self-government” when it comes to the determination of planning applications then in the local development-plan process?
 - “Material considerations” and issues of “national importance”
- Are there often conflicts when Scottish Ministers “call in” applications? How are they resolved?
- Is “local self-government” much debated in Scotland - in general and when it comes to land-use planning in particular? Are the responsibilities under the European Charter of Local Self-government part of the debate?
- Are some projects, like infrastructure (roads, energy-transport), or major installations (hydropower, windmill-farms), planned and decided by the Ministry in the first place?

- What pollution-aspects of planned projects are decided by what authority (local, regional or national authorities)?
- Is land-use aspects of a project planned and decided in parallel processes with the pollution aspects? If not, what is decided first and last?