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Licensing Lawyers

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• *We're keen to have opinions, thoughts and predictions on the following topical issues as well as general market information such as market share, market trends and details of brand activity.*
• *It's always very useful to receive images – 300 dpi if possible. Good images include product shots, pictures of people quoted in the copy, and pictures of advertising and marketing activity.*
• *And please feel free to provide anything else you think is relevant.*

Notoriously complex and restrictive, Scottish licensing law has the potential to scupper refurbishment plans or land a retailer in trouble if they don't seek out the right advice when making changes. In this feature, we'll ask the experts to share their views on some of the key licensing issues affecting stores and ask how retailers can ensure they stay on the right side of the law. We would welcome comments on the following:

• What services can you provide for retailers to help them create or revamp a store in a way that meets demand, is attractive to shoppers, but doesn't attract the ire of the local licensing board.

• What are some of the key licensing obligations that you think retailers should be aware of? PLH renewal time has arrived, however many retailers will be at different stages on this process. What support can you offer retailers who may feel confused by this process?

• What are the big issues of the day for Scottish licensing? Are there any licensing issues that are likely to affect retailers in 2022?

• When should retailers seek out advice from a licensing expert? What are the common pitfalls that could be avoided with legal assistance?

• How would you assess the state of Scottish licensing laws as it pertains to current trading conditions. In an increasingly competitive market, do you believe the current regulations are fit for purpose?