



Austin Lafferty is a solicitor, broadcaster, journalist and artist. In 2012-13, Austin was elected President of the Law Society of Scotland.

As well as working as a lawyer since 1981, he has been involved in the media, having been a radio and television presenter on numerous programmes, with legal phone-ins a speciality of course. At the BBC there is a saying that "Austin Lafferty could talk under wet cement" - he's not sure what this means, but chooses to take it as a compliment. Austin is also a newspaper columnist on legal matters and has worked on the Herald, the Sun, the Sunday Post and the Times (both Glasgow Evening Times and the London Times). He is also a professional portrait artist, and has written *It's The Law!* which is a handbook on Scots Law for citizens, published in 2004.

Austin was educated at St. Aloysius College and the University of Glasgow. Married with two adult children, for leisure he is a karate black belt and has run several marathons including London this year. He is a governor of Glasgow Caledonian University.

Austin opened the Giffnock branch of his law firm and estate agency in 2003 and this has since become the headquarters of the firm. Austin and his colleagues can be seen working away through the display window by the thousands of motorists and pedestrians that pass along Fenwick Road every day!