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Director, Centre for Professional Legal Studies 2001- (an independent think tank focusing on access to justice and the legal profession) at Strathclyde University Law School, Scotland.

He is the Chair of the *International Legal Aid Group*; Chair of the Legal Aid and Legal Services Group of the International Working Group on Comparative Legal Professions; Chair of the Legal Services Group of Citizens Advice Scotland; Research Adviser to the Scottish Legal Aid Board (responsible for the training and monitoring aspects of the peer review of legal aid lawyers in Scotland); Member, Scottish Legal Complaints Commission; Vice-Convenor, Joint Standing Committee for Legal Education in Scotland

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Member, Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland 2002-08;

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In late 2010 and early 2011, Professor Paterson delivered the Hamlyn lectures for 2010 whose theme was *Lawyers and the Public Good*.

Professor Paterson has conducted numerous empirical research projects in relation to access to justice, the legal profession and the judiciary for the Scottish Executive (1983,1990,1992,1993,1995,2000,2004), the ESRC; the Leverhulme Trust (1986, 1988), the Nuffield Foundation (1982, 1988, 1997, 2008), the Office of Fair Trading (1986), the Carnegie Trust (1988, 1990), the Scottish and National Consumer Councils ( 1985,1987,1989 ), the Scottish Legal Aid Board and the English Legal Services Commission (1990,1992,1995, 1996,2000,2001).