

**Two new partners and a new associate for bto solicitors**



*From left: Karina McShane, Alan Borthwick, Jilly Petrie and Claire Mills*

**bto** solicitors has announced the promotion of **Karina McShane** and **Jilly Petrie** to partners.

Ms McShane is a member of **bto's** insurance personal injury team whilst Ms Petrie is now a partner in the firm's growing construction and engineering team, which is being given an additional boost with the recruitment of new associate **Claire Mills** from **Burness Paul LLP**.

Ms McShane specialises in defending claims for various international and UK insurers and large self-insured companies.

She and **partner Stephen Bryceland** are responsible for the supervision and management of one of the firm's largest teams of solicitors and claims handlers who deal with the defence of high volume reparation claims.

Ms Petrie has developed a strong reputation within the construction and engineering sector.

With an LLM in construction law, she handles complex construction and engineering claims for employers, consultants, contractors and subcontractors.

She also advises clients on insurance policy interpretation and indemnity issues and presents regularly for clients and contacts on construction law related matters.

Ms Mills has a decade of experience specialising in construction law. Focusing on all areas of non-contentious work, she has a well-rounded view of the market in advising a range of clients in transactions across a variety of sectors including housing, retail, leisure, public, education, health, infrastructure and waste management.

**bto's chairman, Alan Borthwick**, said: "We are very pleased with bto's new appointments. Both Karina and Jilly have won praise from clients for their technical ability and commercial approach to business.

"The arrival of Claire Mills is great news for our construction and engineering team which continues to grow in both our Glasgow and Edinburgh offices and is an important part of our business."