

Scottish Civil Justice Council – Consultation Response Form

Rules Covering the Mode of Attendance at Court Hearings

Response from Davidson Chalmers Stewart LLP

Davidson Chalmers Stewart LLP has had the benefit of considering the response to the consultation from the Faculty of Advocates. We endorse and adopt that response.

What we would add to that is that we consider that the default opposition of electronic hearings that is being considered forgets that at the heart of the civil justice system is, ultimately, the general public (clients) and the individuals that use the courts. Engagement with the court system is essential for them in seeing justice being done. Electronic hearings largely remove that level of engagement and it is, in our view, sub-optimal.