

Legislation	Court	SCJC lead	Action	Key Dates
The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 – section 185(2)(a)(ed) (prescribing circumstances in which a party to proceedings under Part 10 or 15 of the 2011 Act may be prohibited from personally conducting the examination of witnesses)	Sheriff Court	Family Committee	Proposal for rules prohibiting the personal examination of witnesses in proceedings under the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011	No action at this time. Considered by the Family Committee at its meeting of 2 Sept 2013. The Scottish Government will be providing a further policy paper on this in due course.
NJ and EH v The Lord Advocate and Others	Court of Session/Sheriff Court	Family Committee	Current rule 3.31(1) of the 1997 Act of Sederunt provides that on receipt of an application for a child protection order that the sheriff having considered the grounds of the application and the supporting evidence, should forthwith grant or refuse it. The case does however raise a question as to whether consideration should be given as to whether the current rule should make provision allowing the sheriff to order intimation of an application to relevant persons and affording them the opportunity to make representations prior to it being granted or refused.	No Action at this time. Considered by the Family Committee at it's meeting of 4 November 2013. 10. The Committee agreed that it would be prepared to reconsider this matter in the future if invited to do so by the Scottish Government, in light of local authorities' experience of operating the Renfrewshire Council guidance and any statistical information gathered by the Scottish Government.
Sheriff Court Ordinary Cause Rules	Sheriff Court/Court of Session	Family Committee	Proposal for extending the simplified divorce procedure to circumstances in which there are children to the marriage under 16.	To be considered by the Family Committee at its meeting of 10 February 2014
Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill	Sheriff Court	Family Committee	Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill. Stage 2 (Day 2) took place on 16 January 2014.	No action at this time. To be considered by the Family Committee in due course.
Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill	Sheriff Court	Family Committee	Children and Young People (Scotland) Bill. Stage 2 (Day 3) took place on 14 January 2014.	No action at this time. To be considered by the Family Committee in due course.