

**ITEM 2.3: ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MEETING****Purpose**

- 1) To update members on activity which has taken place since the last SCJC meeting on 23 September 2013.

**Committee Activity**

- 2) The Family Law Committee report is provided at **Paper 2.3A**.

**Rules made since 23 September 2013**

- 3) Two instruments have been made since the SCJC's last meeting. Details are as follows.
  - A. **Act of Sederunt (Summary Applications, Statutory Applications and Appeals Etc. Rule Amendment)(Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/293)** was made on 17 October 2013 and comes into force on 11 November 2013. It amends the Summary Application Rules in consequence of amendments made under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 and under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations) Order 2013. Separate instruments were considered and approved by the Council at its last meeting of 23 September 2013 which have been consolidated in this instrument. It was not subject to any amendments by the Court of Session before it was made.
  - B. **Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 6)(Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/294)** was made on 17 October 2013 and comes into force on 11 November 2013. Paragraph 2 amends the Rules of the Court of Session in respect of urgent disposal of reclaiming motions and appeals in respect of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995. Paragraph 4 amends the Rules of the Court of Session in consequence of the amendment of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Requests and Orders) Order 2005. Paragraph 3 amends the Rules of the Court of Session in respect of an error identified in the enabling legislation. Paragraph 5 amends the Rules of the Court of Session in consequence of the coming into force of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (External Investigations) Order 2013. Separate instruments relating to Paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 were considered and approved by the Council at its last meeting of 23 September 2013 which were consolidated in this instrument; these were not subject to any

amendments by the Court of Session before it was made. Paragraph 3 was not considered by the Council as it related to an urgent matter.

### Minutes of meetings and SCJC documents

4) Links to minutes of meetings of the SCS Board, SLAB Board, SCJC Committees and other documents produced under the auspices of the SCJC since 23 September are provided as follows:

- [SCJC Annual Programme](#) published 8 November and accompanying [Journal Article](#)
- Rules Rewrite Working Group [minutes](#) of meeting 18 September 2013
- Personal Injury Committee [draft minutes](#) of meeting 2 September 2013
- Family Law Committee [minutes](#) of meeting 2 September 2013
- SCS Board [draft minutes](#) of meeting 26 August 2013
- SLAB Board [minutes](#) of meeting 29 July 2013
- SCJC [Standing Orders](#) as revised
- SCJC Information on [Requesting Court Rules](#)
- [Responses](#) to the Reporting Restrictions Consultation

### Publications and other developments of interest

- A. Tribunals (Scotland) Bill – Justice Committee [Stage 1 Report \(14 October 2013\) and Official Report of Stage 1 debate \(7 November 2013\)](#)
- B. [Consultation on Cameras in Court](#) launched 25 October 2013
- C. [Interview with Eric McQueen](#), Chief Executive of SCS in October's *The Journal*
- D. [Article on Sheriff Principal Taylor's Review](#) in October's *The Journal*
- E. The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries consultation on '[The Actuary as an Expert](#)' published 5 November 2013.

**Recommendation**

5) **Members are invited to:**

- a) **note the activity outlined in this paper; and**
- b) **note the activity of the Family Law Committee outlined at paper 2.3A.**

**Scottish Civil Justice Council Secretariat**

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