

# Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court Order 2017

The President of the Sheriff Appeal Court makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 57(3) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 and all other powers enabling her to do so.

## Interpretation

### 1. In this Order—

“civil business” means an appeal—

- (a) to which section 109 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 applies;
- (b) under section 110 of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014; or
- (c) under any other enactment which provides that an appeal may be taken to the Sheriff Appeal Court from the decision of a sheriff in civil proceedings;

“criminal business” means—

- (a) an appeal, bill of suspension or bill of advocation under Part X (appeals from summary proceedings) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act; or
- (b) an appeal under any other enactment which provides that an appeal relating to criminal proceedings may be taken to the Sheriff Appeal Court;

“designated place” means any place in Scotland designated by virtue of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 for the holding of sheriff courts;

“local civil business” means civil business of a description specified in paragraph 1(3) (quorum of the Court: single Appeal Sheriff) of Schedule 1 to the Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Appeal Court Rules) 2015.

## Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court: criminal business

2. The Sheriff Appeal Court may sit for the disposal of criminal business from Monday to Friday each week within the Lawnmarket Building, High Street, Edinburgh.

## Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court: civil business

3. The Sheriff Appeal Court may sit for the disposal of civil business from Monday to Friday each week within Parliament House, Parliament Square, Edinburgh.

4. The Sheriff Appeal Court may also sit for the disposal of civil business from Monday to Friday each week within the Lawnmarket Building, High Street, Edinburgh or any other designated place.

## Public holidays

5. The Sheriff Appeal Court is not to sit for the disposal of any business at Edinburgh on the following public and court holidays—

<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017	New Year's Day (in lieu)
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	Public Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Spring Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Easter Monday
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	May Day Holiday

22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	Victoria Day Holiday	
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Autumn Holiday	
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	St. Andrew's Day	
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017	Christmas Eve	(afternoon only)
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Day	
26 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Boxing Day	

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6. The Sheriff Appeal Court is not to sit for the disposal of local civil business at a designated place on any day that is a public or court holiday at that place.

**Court hours**

7. The Sheriff Appeal Court normally sits between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., with an appropriate adjournment for lunch.

I appoint this Order to be—

- (a) recorded in the Act Book of the Sheriff Appeal Court;
- (b) published on the walls of court;
- (c) published on the website of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,

all for publication to the lieges.

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Edinburgh  
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