

Direction

No. 2 of 2013

Sittings of the Court of Session for the Legal Years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018

I, the Lord President of the Court of Session, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on me by rules 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 of the Rules of the Court of Session 1994 hereby make the following direction:—

Sessions of court

1. Subject to paragraph 4 below, the court shall be in session from—
 - (a) Tuesday 22nd September 2015 to Monday 26th September 2016 (“legal year 2015/2016”);
 - (b) Tuesday 27th September 2016 to Monday 25th September 2017 (“legal year 2016/2017”);and;
 - (c) Tuesday 26th September 2017 to Monday 24th September 2018 (“legal year 2017/2018”).

Terms of court

- 2.—(1) The terms of the court for the legal year 2015/2016 shall be as follows:—
 - (a) winter term – Tuesday 22nd September 2015 to Friday 18th December 2015;
 - (b) spring term – Thursday 7th January 2016 to Thursday 24th March 2016; and
 - (c) summer term – Tuesday 26th April 2016 to Friday 15th July 2016.
- (2) The terms of the court for the legal year 2016/2017 shall be as follows:—
 - (a) winter term – Tuesday 27th September 2016 to Friday 23th December 2016;
 - (b) spring term – Tuesday 10th January 2017 to Friday 24th March 2017; and
 - (c) summer term – Tuesday 25th April 2017 to Friday 14th July 2017.
- (3) The terms of the court for the legal year 2017/2018 shall be as follows:—
 - (a) winter term – Tuesday 26th September 2017 to Friday 22nd December 2017;
 - (b) spring term – Tuesday 9th January 2018 to Friday 23rd March 2018; and
 - (c) summer term – Tuesday 24th April 2018 to Friday 13th July 2018.

Vacation

- 3.—(1) The court shall be in vacation from—
 - (a) Saturday 19th December 2015 to Wednesday 6th January 2016;
 - (b) Saturday 24th December 2016 to Monday 9th January 2017; and
 - (c) Saturday 23rd December 2017 to Monday 8th January 2018.
- (2) The sederunt days during the periods mentioned in subparagraph (1) shall be as follows:—
 - (a) Wednesday 23rd December 2015 and Wednesday 30th December 2015;
 - (b) Thursday 29th December 2016 and Thursday 5th January 2017 ; and
 - (c) Thursday 28th December 2017 and Thursday 4th January 2018.

Public holidays

- 4.—(1) Subject to rule 10.3(3) and rule 10.5(2) of the Rules of the Court of Session 1994, no Division, Lord Ordinary or Vacation Judge shall sit during the public holidays specified in subparagraphs (2), (3) and (4).

(2) The public holidays for the legal year 2015/2016 shall be as follows:–

Monday 30th November 2015 (St. Andrew's Day);
the afternoon of Thursday 24th December 2015;
Friday 25th December 2015;
Monday 28th December 2015;
Friday 1st January 2016;
Monday 4th January 2016;
Friday 25th March 2016 (Good Friday);
Monday 28th March 2016 (Easter Monday);
Monday 18th April 2016 (Spring Holiday);
Monday 2nd May 2016 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 23rd May 2016 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 19th September 2016 (Autumn Holiday).

(3) The public holidays for the legal year 2016/2017 shall be as follows:–

Monday 28th November 2016 (St. Andrew's Day);
the afternoon of Friday 23rd December 2016;
Monday 26th December 2016;
Tuesday 27th December 2016;
Monday 2nd January 2017;
Tuesday 3rd January 2017;
Monday 10th April 2017 (Spring Holiday);
Friday 14th April 2017 (Good Friday);
Monday 17th April 2017 (Easter Monday);
Monday 1st May 2017 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 22nd May 2017 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 18th September 2017 (Autumn Holiday).

(4) The public holidays for the legal year 2017/2018 shall be as follows:–

Monday 27th November 2017 (St. Andrew's Day);
the afternoon of Friday 22nd December 2017;
Monday 25th December 2017;
Tuesday 26th December 2017;
Monday 1st January 2018;
Tuesday 2nd January 2018;
Friday 30th March 2018 (Good Friday);
Monday 2nd April 2018 (Easter Monday);
Monday 16th April 2018 (Spring Holiday);
Monday 7th May 2018 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 21st May 2018 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 17th September 2018 (Autumn Holiday).

Court hours

5. In term, the court shall normally sit between the following hours, with an appropriate adjournment for lunch:–

- (a) Inner House – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm; and
- (b) Outer House – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Brian Gill
Lord President of the Court of Session

Edinburgh,
8 October 2013