

# Sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court Order 2020

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 or the Saltmarket Building, Glasgow.

## **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>
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	New Year's Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	Public Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Good Friday
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Easter Monday
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Spring Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	May Day Holiday
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Victoria Day Holiday
21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	Autumn Holiday
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	St. Andrew's Day
24 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Eve (afternoon only)
25 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Day
28 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Boxing Day Holiday

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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President of the Sheriff Appeal Court

Edinburgh  
17 February 2020