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4 Despite the ending by virtue of paragraph 3(1)(b) of a...

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- 4 In section 175 (right of appeal), in each of subsections...
- 5 In section 176(4) (stated case: manner and time of appeal),...
- 6 (1) Section 177 (procedure where appellant in custody) is amended...
- 7 In section 178(2) (stated case: preparation of draft), for "High...
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- 10 (1) Section 181 (stated case: directions by court) is amended...
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- 13 In section 184 (abandonment of appeal), in each of subsections...
- 14 In section 185(10) (authorisation of new prosecution), for "High Court"...
- 15 (1) Section 186 (appeals against sentence only) is amended in...
- 16 (1) Section 187 (leave to appeal against sentence) is amended...
- 17 (1) Section 188 (setting aside conviction or sentence) is amended...
- 18 In section 189 (disposal of appeal against sentence), in each...
- 19 In section 190(1) (disposal of appeal where appellant not criminally...
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7 Paragraph 3 of schedule 2 to the Charities and Trustee...

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8 Section 77 (administrative support) of the Tribunals (Scotland) Act 2014...

Revenue Scotland and Tax Powers Act 2014

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1 In the Promissory Oaths Act 1868, in the second part...

Promissory Oaths Act 1871

2 In section 2 of the Promissory Oaths Act 1871 (persons...

Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1876

3 In the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1876, section 54 (courts...

Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907

4 The following provisions of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907...

Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Act 1927

5 (1) Section 8 of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers...

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6 (1) The Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 is amended in...

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7 In section 20(3) of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act...

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Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers (Scotland) Act 1927

10 In section 1 of the Sheriff Courts and Legal Officers...

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12 (1) Section 1 of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act...

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982

13 In section 50 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act...

Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986

14 (1) The Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 is amended in...

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15 In section 304 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995...

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16 (1) The Judiciary and Courts (Scotland) Act 2008 is amended...

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20 In section 5 of the Heritable Securities (Scotland) Act 1894...

Sheriff Courts (Civil Jurisdiction and Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1963

21 The Sheriff Courts (Civil Jurisdiction and Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1963...

Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland) Act 1970

22 In section 24 of the Conveyancing and Feudal Reform (Scotland)...

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23 (1) Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Legal Aid... PART 5 — JUDICIAL REVIEW

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25 In the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985, section...

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26 In the Courts of Law Fees (Scotland) Act 1895, section...

Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act 1898

27 The Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act 1898 is repealed.

Execution of Diligence (Scotland) Act 1926

28 In the Execution of Diligence (Scotland) Act 1926, section 6...

Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act 1972

29 In section 1(3) of the Administration of Justice (Scotland) Act...

Court of Session Act 1988

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Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013

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Court of Session Act 1988

32 (1) The Court of Session Act 1988 is amended in...

Constitutional Reform Act 2005

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Promissory Oaths Act 1868

34 In the Promissory Oaths Act 1868, in the Second Part...

Administration of Justice Act 1973

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Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985

36 Section 22 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act...

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42 The Judicial Offices (Salaries, &c.) Act 1952 is repealed.

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43 In section 51 of the Court of Session Act 1988...

Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

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