

*These notes relate to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 10 November 2014*

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 2 - Sheriff Appeal Court

Chapter 3 - Organisation of business

President and Vice President

Section 54 – President and Vice President of the Sheriff Appeal Court

Section 55 – President and Vice President: incapacity and suspension

93. Sections 54 and 55 make provision for the appointment of the President and Vice President of the Sheriff Appeal Court who will be appointed from the ranks of those Appeal Sheriffs who are also sheriffs principal. Provision is also made here for where the President or Vice President is unable to carry out the function of the office that these individuals hold or is suspended from office. It is intended that the role of the President and Vice President will be purely administrative and will be concerned solely with the organisation of sittings of the Sheriff Appeal Court. Accordingly the President or Vice President will, in terms of judicial functions or judicial authority, not be treated as a more senior Appeal Sheriff to an Appeal Sheriff who does not hold that role.