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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 144**

**Act of Adjournal (Criminal Procedure  
Rules Amendment) (Miscellaneous) 2009**

**Service of bills and petitions**

5. After Chapter 29 of the Rules (precognition on oath of defence witnesses) insert—

**“CHAPTER 29A**

**SERVICE OF BILLS OF ADVOCATION AND SUSPENSION  
AND PETITIONS TO THE NOBILE OFFICIUM**

**Service of bill or petition**

**29A.1.**—(1) Where a first order for service is sought in relation to—

- (a) a bill of advocacy;
- (b) a bill of suspension; or
- (c) a petition to the nobile officium,

the complainer or petitioner shall provide two copies of the bill or petition when presenting it to the Clerk of Justiciary for registration.

(2) Where a first order for service is granted, the Clerk of Justiciary shall provide the complainer or petitioner with a certified copy of—

- (a) the bill or petition; and
- (b) the interlocutor granting first order for service.

(3) The complainer or petitioner shall serve the certified copy of the bill or petition and interlocutor on the respondent.

(4) Where a bill or petition arises from proceedings in a lower court, the Clerk of Justiciary shall intimate a copy to that court.”.