



# Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 58

## PART I

### CONSTITUTION, ORGANISATION AND ADMINISTRATION

*Functions of the Secretary of State in relation to sheriffs principal, sheriffs, etc.*

#### **9 Power of Secretary of State to give administrative directions**

For the purpose of securing the efficient organisation and administration of the sheriff courts and, in particular, the speedy and efficient disposal of business in those courts, the Secretary of State may give such directions of an administrative nature as appear to him to be necessary or expedient, and any sheriff principal or sheriff, and any officer or servant engaged in the administration of the sheriff courts, to whom a direction is given under this section shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, give effect to that direction.