

*These notes relate to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid  
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# **LEGAL PROFESSION AND LEGAL AID (SCOTLAND) ACT (ASP 5) WHICH RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON 19 JANUARY 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 – Legal Profession: Other Matters**

##### ***Section 58: Constitution of Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal***

156. **Section 58** makes changes to the constitution of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal. It is to consist of not more than 28 members with equal numbers of solicitor and non-lawyer members. This adjusts the requirement for the Tribunal to have not less than 10 and not more than 14 solicitor members and 8 non-lawyer members. A vacancy in the membership of the Tribunal or a defect in the appointment of a member are not to affect the validity of any of its proceedings – this is the usual position adopted by statutory bodies. The Scottish Ministers may by negative resolution order vary the maximum number of members of the Tribunal, but not the proportion of solicitor and non-lawyer members.