



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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PART 1

SHERIFF COURTS

CHAPTER 2

JUDICIARY OF THE SHERIFFDOMS

Qualification and disqualification

14 Qualification for appointment

- (1) An individual is qualified for appointment to a judicial office mentioned in subsection (2) if the individual—
- (a) immediately before the appointment, held any other judicial office specified in that subsection, or
 - (b) at the time of appointment—
 - (i) is legally qualified, and
 - (ii) has been so qualified throughout the period of 10 years immediately preceding the appointment.
- (2) The judicial offices are—
- (a) sheriff principal,
 - (b) sheriff,
 - (c) summary sheriff,
 - (d) part-time sheriff,
 - (e) part-time summary sheriff.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), an individual is legally qualified if the individual is a solicitor or an advocate.

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Commencement Information

I1 [S. 14](#) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.S.I. 2015/77](#), art. 2(2)(3), [Sch.](#)

15 Disqualification from practice, etc.

- (1) An individual holding a judicial office mentioned in subsection (2) must not, for so long as the individual holds the office—
- (a) engage, whether directly or indirectly, in practice as a solicitor or advocate or in any other business,
 - (b) be in partnership with, or employed by, a person so engaged, or
 - (c) act as agent for a person so engaged.
- (2) The judicial offices are—
- (a) sheriff principal,
 - (b) sheriff,
 - (c) summary sheriff.
- (3) A part-time sheriff, or a part-time summary sheriff, who is a solicitor in practice must not carry out any function as a part-time sheriff or, as the case may be, a part-time summary sheriff in a sheriff court district in which his or her place of business as such solicitor is situated.

Commencement Information

I2 [S. 15](#) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.S.I. 2015/77](#), art. 2(2)(3), [Sch.](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)