



# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

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### PART 6

#### CRIMINAL APPEALS

##### *Appeals from summary criminal proceedings*

#### **120 Power to refer points of law for the opinion of the High Court**

In the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, after section 175, insert—

##### **“175A Power to refer points of law for the opinion of the High Court**

- (1) In an appeal under this Part, the Sheriff Appeal Court may refer a point of law to the High Court for its opinion if it considers that the point is a complex or novel one.
- (2) The Sheriff Appeal Court may make a reference under subsection (1)—
  - (a) on the application of a party to the appeal proceedings, or
  - (b) on its own initiative.
- (3) On giving its opinion on a reference under subsection (1), the High Court may also give a direction as to further procedure in, or disposal of, the appeal.”.