

*These notes relate to the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014  
(asp 18) which received Royal Assent on 10 November 2014*

# **COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### **Part 1 - Sheriff Courts**

#### *Chapter 3 — Organisation of business*

#### **Judicial specialisation**

#### *Section 34 – Determination of categories of case for purposes of judicial specialisation*

61. This section permits the Lord President to decide categories of cases within the sheriff courts which should be heard by judicial officers who specialise in that category of case.
62. Subsection (2) provides that the categories of cases designated for specialisation by the Lord President may be determined by subject matter, value or other such criteria as the Lord President considers appropriate. Subsections (3) and (4) give the Lord President further flexibility in relation to the operation of specialisation among the judicial officers.