

# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 2014 asp 18

### PART 2

THE SHERIFF APPEAL COURT

### **CHAPTER 1**

### ESTABLISHMENT AND ROLE

## 48 Status of decisions of the Sheriff Appeal Court in precedent

- (1) A decision of the Sheriff Appeal Court on the interpretation or application of the law is binding—
  - (a) in proceedings before a sheriff anywhere in Scotland,
  - (b) in proceedings before a justice of the peace court anywhere in Scotland,
  - (c) in proceedings before the Sheriff Appeal Court, except in a case where the Court hearing the proceedings is constituted by a greater number of Appeal Sheriffs than those constituting the Court which made the decision.
- (2) In subsection (1)(a), the reference to proceedings before a sheriff includes, in the case of criminal proceedings, a reference to solemn proceedings before a sheriff and jury.