



Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 46

PART I

ORGANISATION

The Law Society of Scotland

1 Establishment and objects of Law Society of Scotland

- (1) The Law Society of Scotland (referred to in this Act as " the Society ") shall continue to exist and shall exercise the functions conferred upon it by this Act.
- (2) The objects of the Society shall include the promotion of—
 - (a) the interests of the solicitors' profession in Scotland; and
 - (b) the interests of the public in relation to that profession.
- (3) The Society may do anything that is incidental or conducive to the exercise of these functions or the attainment of those objects.
- (4) Schedule 1 shall have effect in relation to the Society.

2 Membership of Society

- (1) Every solicitor having in force a practising certificate shall be a member of the Society.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, the Council may admit as a member of the Society any solicitor not having in force a practising certificate on such terms and conditions (including the payment by him of a reduced annual subscription) as they may determine.
- (3) Subject to subsection (2), a solicitor shall—
 - (a) be treated as if he were not a member of the Society while suspended from practice as a solicitor under any enactment;

- (b) cease to be a member of the Society when his practising certificate ceases to have effect.

The Council of the Law Society

3 Establishment and functions of Council of Law Society

- (1) The business of the Society shall continue to be conducted by the Council of the Society (referred to in this Act as " the Council ") the members of which shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of the scheme made under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1.
- (2) The Council shall have the functions conferred upon them by this Act.