

**Autumn 2015**

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**Keeping you up to date with Scottish Law Commission news and consultations**

## 2015: The Commission's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2015 is a special year for the Scottish Law Commission. The Commission has been promoting law reform for 50 years. A number of events have been held this year to mark this golden anniversary. [Read more...](#)

## Our current work

Our current law reform projects are set out below. These include our joint law reform projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales and the Northern Ireland Law Commission. For further information on any particular project, click on the link which takes you to the project page on our website.

## Scottish Commission only projects

### Current projects

- [Aspects of the law of prescription](#)
- [Compulsory purchase](#)
- [Contract law in light of the Draft Common Frame of Reference \(DCFR\)](#)
- [Defamation](#)
- [Moveable transactions \(security over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property\)](#)



## News

### Historic visit by the First Minister

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon MSP, visited the Commission on 26 August to celebrate the Commission's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. [Read more...](#)



## Joint projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales (\*and with the Northern Ireland Law Commission):

### Current joint projects

- [Consolidation of statutes](#)
- [Electoral law](#) \*
- [Insurance law](#)
- [Statute law repeals](#)

## Programme for Government: Commission Bills

The Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2015-16 was announced on 1 September. The Commission is delighted to note that the Scottish Government intend to introduce a Commission Bill to consolidate bankruptcy legislation for Scotland. The Programme also includes a Succession (Scotland) Bill, already introduced, that would implement Commission recommendations.

## Further information

### Website

Further information about the Commission, Commissioners and staff, and our law reform work can be found on our website at

<http://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/>.

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## Law Society of Scotland Presentation

The Law Society of Scotland held a reception to celebrate the Commission's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at the close of their Law in Scotland Conference on 2 October. The President, Christine McLintock, made a presentation to the Commission's Chairman, Lord Pentland. [Read more...](#)



## Conference on Fifty Years of the Law Commissions: at Supreme Court, London

A conference was held at the Supreme Court in July to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Law Commissions Act 1965. The conference featured contributions from past and present Scottish Law Commissioners. [Read more...](#)

### 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary date: 15 June 2015

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coming into force of the Law Commissions Act 1965, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson MSP, visited the Commission to offer his congratulations. [Read more...](#)

## Succession (Scotland) Bill

In June the Scottish Government introduced the Succession (Scotland) Bill, to implement a number of technical aspects of succession law recommended by the Commission. This is the second Bill chosen for the new Parliamentary process for Commission Bills. [Read more...](#)

## Statute Law Repeals

The Law Commissions published a joint Report in June, the Twentieth Report and Bill on Statute Law Repeals. [Read more...](#)

## Prescription and Title to Moveable Property

The Commission was pleased to note the Scottish Government consultation this year on the Commission's Report on Prescription and Title to Moveable Property. The consultation closed in September. [Read more...](#)