



Scottish Law Commission

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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report 2018 is published today.

The Report outlines progress on the Commission's law reform work during 2018. The Report explains the progress made on implementation of the Commission's recommendations, outlines its efforts to promote law reform and contains a forward look to its planned publications for 2019.

The current Chair of the Commission, Lady Paton, took up post in January 2019. Lady Paton said:

"It is an honour and a privilege to have been appointed Chair of the Scottish Law Commission, Scotland's independent law reform agency. The Commission has a long history of developing practical recommendations for the reform of Scots law to ensure that it keeps pace with the needs of modern society. I look forward to continuing that tradition by leading the Commission through its Tenth Programme of law reform with a focus on ensuring that the law is kept up to date and in tune with today's values and beliefs."

In 2018 the Commission embarked on its Tenth Programme of law reform. The new Programme includes a wide range of work: on family law; on the law of homicide; on surrogacy; on self-driving vehicles; on securities over land; on the law of leases; and on damages for personal injury. Further details can be found in the Report.

FURTHER INFORMATION SECTION

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chair is the Rt Hon Lady Paton, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are Kate Dowdalls QC, Caroline S Drummond, David E L Johnston QC, and Dr Andrew J M Steven. The Chief Executive is Malcolm McMillan.

2. Further information can be obtained by contacting Malcolm McMillan, Scottish Law Commission, 140 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PR (Tel: 0131 668 2131; email info@scotlawcom.gsi.gov.uk).

3. The paper will be available on our website at <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk> as early as possible on 28 February 2019.