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**SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2003
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The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report for 2003 is published today. The report marks the launch of the Commission's new corporate identity, which is aimed at developing a more modern public image consistent with the values that underpin the Commission's law reform work.

The report outlines the progress which the Commission made in 2003 with its law reform projects and details the reports and discussion papers planned for 2004.

2003 was a productive year during which the Commission published three discussion papers, inviting comments on provisional proposals for reform of particular areas of the law, and four reports, containing final recommendations for reform. Two of the reports were published jointly with the Law Commission for England and Wales.

Reports published in 2003

- Report on Law of the Foreshore and Sea Bed
- Report on Irritancy in Leases of Land
- Report on Partnership Law (joint report with the Law Commission)
- Statute Law Revision: Seventeenth Report Draft Statute Law (Repeals) Bill
(joint report with the Law Commission)

Discussion Papers published in 2003

- Discussion Paper on Insanity and Diminished Responsibility
- Discussion Paper on Breach of Trust
- Apportionment of Trust Receipts and Outgoings

The Commission also published a consultation paper on Codification of the Criminal Law of Scotland, on behalf of a group of academic lawyers.

In his Foreword, the Chairman of the Commission, the Hon Lord Eassie, pays tribute to Patrick Hodge QC whose term of office as a Commissioner ended in April 2003 and welcomes Colin Tyre QC, who became a Commissioner in October 2003.

The report outlines progress on the Commission's current law reform projects, including those on property law, psychiatric injury, unfair terms in contracts, insanity and diminished responsibility, and trusts. It lists 10 publications planned for 2004.

The report also describes the Commission's other activities in promoting law reform and provides information about recent legislation that has implemented some of the Commission's earlier recommendations for reform.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chairman is the Honourable Lord Eassie. The other Commissioners are currently Professor Gerard Maher, Professor Kenneth G C Reid, Professor Joseph M Thomson and Mr Colin Tyre QC.
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3. The report is available on the Commission's website at www.scotlawcom.gov.uk and can be purchased from TSO Scotland bookshop.