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

Our current work

Work continues on our Eighth Programme of Law Reform, which sets out the main areas of our law reform work up to the end of 2014. The Commission also undertakes joint law reform projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales, and the Northern Ireland Law Commission. Our current law reform projects are set out below. For further information on any particular project, click on the link which takes you to the project page on our website.

Law reform projects

- [Adults with incapacity](#)
- [Compulsory purchase](#)
- [Contract law in light of the Draft Common Frame of Reference \(DCFR\)](#)
- [Consolidation of statutes](#)
- [Homicide](#)
- [Judicial factors](#)
- [Moveable transactions \(security over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property\)](#)
- [Trusts](#)



News

Partnerships (Prosecution) (Scotland) Bill

The Scottish Law Commission welcomes the introduction of a UK Bill to implement the Commission's recommendations for reform of the criminal liability of partnerships in Scots law. The Partnerships (Prosecution) (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the House of Lords on 5 November by the Advocate General for Scotland. The Commission and the UK Government worked closely together to bring forward this measure. For more information see the [press release](#).

Seminar on Execution in Counterpart

We will be holding a seminar on Execution in Counterpart at the University of Edinburgh on 29 November 2012 at 4.45 pm. All welcome. The seminar, held jointly with the Centres for Private and Commercial Law at Edinburgh University, will discuss a draft bill which takes forward some of the proposals in our Discussion Paper on Formation of Contract ([DP No 154](#)). For more information see our [flier](#).

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

- [Insurance law](#)
- [Level crossings](#)
- [Regulation of health care professionals*](#)
- [Statute law repeals](#)
- [Unfair terms in consumer contracts](#)

Commissioner re-appointed

The Commission are delighted that Laura Dunlop QC has been re-appointed as a Scottish Law Commissioner. [Further details](#).

Discussion Paper on Adults with Incapacity

In our recent [Discussion Paper](#), we invited comments on a number of questions concerning the right to liberty of adults with incapacity in residential facilities. Comments on the paper were invited by 31 October 2012. We are now considering responses with a view to preparing our report.

Read the [news release](#).

Read the [easy-read leaflet](#).

View the adults with incapacity [project page](#).

Lecture by Lady Clark of Calton at the SCOLAG 2012 AGM

Lady Clark of Calton was invited to give a lecture at the AGM of SCOLAG on 26 September 2012. A copy of the lecture is [attached](#).

An interview with Lady Clark of Calton

An [interview](#) with Lady Clark of Calton, the first female Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission. Lady Clark discusses the Commission's five-year work programme and her hopes for action in 2012 on criminal liability in dissolved partnerships, which is a reserved area.

Further information

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/>.

The website has full text versions of all of our reports and discussion papers.

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