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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION HOLDS HOMICIDE LAW REFORM SEMINAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH STRATHCLYDE AND GLASGOW LAW SCHOOLS



As part of its homicide law reform project, the Scottish Law Commission held an all-day seminar on the topic in Glasgow on Friday 5 October in conjunction with the law schools at the Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow.

The event was well attended and included legal practitioners, representatives from Police Scotland and Victim Support Scotland as well as guests from the academic community.

A number of speakers from academia spoke about topics such as the context and prevalence of homicide in Scotland, the structure of homicide law, the *mens rea* of both murder and culpable homicide and the experience of homicide law reform in England and Wales.

Lord Pentland, Chairman of the Scottish Law Commission said:

“We are grateful to our colleagues in academia for delivering such interesting talks on different aspects of homicide law in Scotland and also to all those who attended and contributed to discussions around the presentations. In particular, we are extremely grateful to the law schools at the Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow with whom we collaborated closely to deliver the event.

As a law commission, we are keen to engage with as wide a range of people as we can on the homicide law reform project and the seminar is a prime example of that.

We thank everyone who took part in such a thought provoking day which give us plenty of things to think about going forward with the project.”

FURTHER INFORMATION SECTION

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chairman is the Hon Lord Pentland, 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. Information on the homicide law project can be found [here](#).
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