

Direction

No. 1 of 2016

Sittings of the Court of Session for the Legal Years 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/19 and 2019/2020

I, the Lord President of the Court of Session, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on me by rules 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 of the Rules of the Court of Session 1994 hereby make the following direction.

Partial revocation of previous direction

1. The following paragraphs of Direction No. 2 of 2013 (sittings of the Court of Session for the Legal Years 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018) are hereby revoked:

- (a) paragraph 1.(b) and (c);
- (b) paragraph 2.(2) and (3);
- (c) paragraphs 3.(1)(b) and (c), and (2)(b) and (c); and
- (d) paragraph 4.(3) and (4).

Sessions of court

2. Subject to paragraph 4 below, the court shall be in session from—
- (a) Tuesday 27th September 2016 to Friday 22nd September 2017 (“legal year 2016/2017”);
 - (b) Monday 25th September 2017 to Friday 21st September 2018 (“legal year 2017/18”);
 - (c) Monday 24th September 2018 to Friday 20th September 2019 (“legal year 2018/2019”); and
 - (d) Monday 23rd September 2019 to Friday 18th September 2020 (“legal year 2019/2020”).

Terms of court

- 3.—(1) The terms of the court for the legal year 2016/2017 shall be as follows:—
- (a) winter term – Tuesday 27th September 2016 to Friday 23rd December 2016;
 - (b) spring term – Monday 9th January 2017 to Friday 24th March 2017; and
 - (c) summer term – Monday 24th April 2017 to Friday 14th July 2017.
- (2) The terms of the court for the legal year 2017/2018 shall be as follows—
- (a) winter term – Monday 25th September 2017 to Friday 22nd December 2017;
 - (b) spring term – Monday 8th January 2018 to Friday 23rd March 2018; and
 - (c) summer term – Monday 9th April 2018 to Friday 21st September 2018.
- (3) The terms of the court for the legal year 2018/2019 shall be as follows—
- (a) winter term – Monday 24th September 2018 to Friday 21st December 2018;
 - (b) spring term – Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 12th April 2019; and
 - (c) summer term – Monday 29th April 2019 to Friday 20th September 2019.

- (4) The terms of the court for the legal year 2019/2020 shall be as follows—
- (a) winter term – Monday 23rd September 2019 to Friday 20th December 2019;
 - (b) spring term – Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 3rd April 2020; and
 - (c) summer term – Monday 20th April 2020 to Friday 18th September 2020.

Vacation

- 4.—(1) The court shall be in vacation from—
- (a) Saturday 24th December 2016 to Friday 6th January 2017;
 - (b) Saturday 23rd December 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018;
 - (c) Saturday 24th March 2018 to Friday 6th April 2018;
 - (d) Saturday 22nd December 2018 to Friday 4th January 2019;
 - (e) Saturday 13th April 2019 to Friday 26th April 2019;
 - (f) Saturday 21st December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020; and
 - (g) Saturday 4th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020.
- (2) The sederunt days during the periods mentioned in subparagraph (1) shall be as follows—
- (a) Thursday 29th December 2016 and Thursday 5th January 2017;
 - (b) Thursday 28th December 2017 and Thursday 4th January 2018;
 - (c) Wednesday 28th March 2018 and Wednesday 4th April 2018;
 - (d) Friday 28th December 2018 and Friday 4th January 2019;
 - (e) Wednesday 17th April 2019 and Wednesday 24th April 2019;
 - (f) Tuesday 31st December 2019; and
 - (g) Wednesday 8th April 2020 and Wednesday 15th April 2020.

Public holidays

5.—(1) Subject to rule 10.3(3) and rule 10.5(2) of the Rules of the Court of Session 1994, no Division, Lord Ordinary or Vacation Judge shall sit during the public holidays specified in subparagraphs (2), (3), (4) and (5).

- (2) The public holidays for the legal year 2016/2017 shall be as follows:—
- Monday 28th November 2016 (St. Andrew's Day);
 - the afternoon of Friday 23rd December 2016;
 - Monday 26th December 2016;
 - Tuesday 27th December 2016;
 - Monday 2nd January 2017;
 - Tuesday 3rd January 2017;
 - Monday 10th April 2017 (Spring Holiday);
 - Friday 14th April 2017 (Good Friday);
 - Monday 17th April 2017 (Easter Monday);
 - Monday 1st May 2017 (May Day Holiday);
 - Monday 22nd May 2017 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
 - Monday 18th September 2017 (Autumn Holiday).
- (3) The public holidays for the legal year 2017/2018 shall be as follows:—
- Monday 27th November 2017 (St. Andrew's Day);
 - the afternoon of Friday 22nd December 2017;
 - Monday 25th December 2017;
 - Tuesday 26th December 2017;
 - Monday 1st January 2018;

Tuesday 2nd January 2018;
Friday 30th March 2018 (Good Friday);
Monday 2nd April 2018 (Easter Monday);
Monday 16th April 2018 (Spring Holiday);
Monday 7th May 2018 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 21st May 2018 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 17th September 2018 (Autumn Holiday).

(4) The public holidays for the legal year 2018/2019 shall be as follows—

Monday 3rd December 2018 (St. Andrew's Day);
the afternoon of Monday 24th December 2018;
Tuesday 25th December 2018;
Wednesday 26th December 2018;
Tuesday 1st January 2019;
Wednesday 2nd January 2019;
Monday 15th April 2019 (Spring Holiday);
Friday 19th April 2019 (Good Friday);
Monday 22nd April 2019 (Easter Monday);
Monday 6th May 2019 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 20th May 2019 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 16th September 2019 (Autumn Holiday).

(5) The public holidays for the legal year 2019/2020 shall be as follows—

Monday 2nd December 2019 (St. Andrew's Day);
the afternoon of Tuesday 24th December 2019;
Wednesday 25th December 2019;
Thursday 26th December 2019;
Wednesday 1st January 2020;
Thursday 2nd January 2020;
Friday 10th April 2020 (Good Friday);
Monday 13th April 2020 (Easter Monday);
Monday 20th April 2020 (Spring Holiday);
Monday 4th May 2020 (May Day Holiday);
Monday 18th May 2020 (Victoria Day Holiday); and
Monday 14th September 2020 (Autumn Holiday).

Court hours

6. In term, the court shall normally sit between the following hours, with an appropriate adjournment for lunch—

- (a) Inner House – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm; and
- (b) Outer House – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

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