

**COURT OF SESSION**

**PRACTICE NOTE**

**No. 2 of 2011**

**Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007**

1. This practice note replaces Practice Note No. 1 of 2011 which was incomplete.
2. In terms of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007, the relevant provisions of which are now in force, an individual to whom section 92 (1) applies is barred from undertaking regulated work with children and an individual to whom section 92 (2) applies is barred from undertaking regulated work with protected adults.
3. In a number of circumstances the court may be minded to appoint a reporter, reporting officer or curator *ad litem* (usually an officer of the court) to work with, or on behalf of, a child or protected adult.
4. It is not expected that any person whom the court is minded to appoint will be a barred individual but, in the unlikely event that this should occur, when a person is contacted by a clerk of court for the purpose of ascertaining whether that person is available to accept appointment in any of the circumstances mentioned above, he or she must, if a barred individual, inform the clerk accordingly.

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