

SCTS Board – Vacancy – Non-Executive Board Member

Could you contribute to setting the strategic direction of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) during a period of major reform to the Scottish justice system?

The Lord President is seeking to appoint a new member to the SCTS Board who is **not** a judicial office holder or a practicing advocate or solicitor. Applications are invited from people who have the enthusiasm, skills and experience at a senior level to make a significant contribution to the delivery of justice in Scotland.

Background

The SCTS provides support to Scotland's judiciary and to its courts, devolved tribunals and the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) to enable the efficient and effective operation of the justice system. The purpose of the SCTS is **supporting justice**. Over the past 18 months the SCTS have seen unprecedented change caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the pandemic the SCTS has had to innovate and develop new digital solutions to maintain essential business – protecting public safety, ensuring that individuals can assert their rights and preserving support to the vulnerable.

Whilst the majority of the SCTS efforts have been focused on responding to and recovering from the pandemic, SCTS continues to play a leading role in introducing major reforms to the justice system in Scotland. The need for effective leadership and reform is essential as we seek to recover and build a stronger, fairer and more resilient justice system.

The Board of the SCTS is led by the Lord President, Scotland's most senior judge. It has a collective responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the SCTS and ensuring its good governance. The purpose of the SCTS is "Supporting Justice" – this is achieved by working with other justice organisations, the Scottish Government and the broader public to maintain high quality services and improve the way we work through reform.

Criteria for Appointment

You should be an excellent communicator with the skills to influence the strategic direction of the SCTS and be effective in building relationships with the organisation's staff. You will have experience of working at a senior level in a public sector, commercial or voluntary organisation. You will be expected to commit approximately 10 days per annum to the work of the Board. Membership attracts remuneration of £335 per day.

The Lord President is committed to principles of appointment on merit through an open, fair and impartial process and would welcome applications from all those with relevant experience, irrespective of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, disability or belief. More information on this vacancy, including details on how to apply, candidate information document and the application form can be found on the [SCTS website](#). The closing date for applications is midnight on **20 March 2022**.