

POLICY NOTE

Act of Sederunt (Intimation and Service) 2025

Introduction

- 1. The Act of Sederunt makes provision so that a requirement in any Act of Sederunt or the Ordinary Cause rules 1993 that a document be placed on the wall or doors of civil courts may also be fulfilled by making certain information publicly available on the Scottish Courts and Tribunals website.
- 2. The Act of Sederunt extends the provisions contained within the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022,¹ which is due to expire on 30 November 2025.

Scope

- 3. The instrument permits online publication as an alternative to physical walling and provides what information must be made publicly available under different rules (this is the current position under the 2022 Act read in conjunction with the LP's Direction No. 2 of 2020). Physical walling is not abolished.
- **4.** The instrument changes the intimation requirements in relation to petitions for the appointment of an executor so that it is no longer necessary to make the address of the petitioner publicly available.

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¹ Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022