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Keeping you up to date with Scottish Law Commission news and consultations

Our current work

Our current law reform projects, including our joint law reform projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales and the Northern Ireland Law Commission, are set out below. For further information on any particular project, click on the link which takes you to the project page on our website.

Scottish Commission only projects

Current projects

- [Aspects of the law of prescription](#)
- [Compulsory purchase](#)
- [Contract law in light of the Draft Common Frame of Reference \(DCFR\)](#)
- [Defamation](#)
- [Moveable transactions \(security over corporeal and incorporeal moveable property; assignation of incorporeal moveable property\)](#)

Recently completed projects

- [Adults with incapacity](#)
- [Trust law](#)



News

2015: The Commission's 50th Anniversary

2015 is a special year for the Commission; it marks our 50th anniversary. See the items below for news on events to mark this golden anniversary.

Commonwealth Law Reform Conference

The Commission hosted a major Commonwealth law reform conference in Edinburgh in April this year. The conference included a keynote address by the Rt Hon Lord Carloway, the Lord Justice Clerk; and a special session on the 50th anniversary with an address by the Chairman of the Commission, Lord Pentland. [Read more...](#)

Conference: at Supreme Court, London

A conference will be held at the Supreme Court in July to mark the 50th anniversary of the Law Commissions Act 1965. The conference will feature contributions from past and present Scottish Law Commissioners. [Read more...](#)

Joint projects with the Law Commission for England and Wales (*and with the Northern Ireland Law Commission):

Current joint projects

- [Consolidation of statutes](#)
- [Electoral law](#) *
- [Insurance law](#)
- [Statute law repeals](#)

Further information

Website

Further information about the Commission, Commissioners and staff, and our law reform work can be found on our website at

<http://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk/>.

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Commission Bills: Scottish Parliament process

The Commission is delighted that the Legal Writings (Counterpart and Delivery) (Scotland) Bill received Royal Assent on 1 April 2015. The Bill was the first to be referred to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee under the new process for Commission Bills in the Scottish Parliament. [Read more...](#)

Ninth Programme of Law Reform

The Scottish Law Commission published its Ninth Programme of Law Reform earlier this year. The Programme will form the basis of most of the Commission's work over the next three years. It includes new projects on the law of defamation, aspects of the law of prescription and proprietary aspects of leases. The Commission will continue work on projects on moveable transactions, contract law, compulsory purchase and heritable securities. [Read more...](#)

New Commissioners

The Commission was delighted to welcome two new Commissioners at the start of this year: Caroline Drummond, who is leading our compulsory purchase project; and David Johnston QC, who is leading our project on aspects of prescription. [Read more...](#)

SEMINAR

Aspects of the law on prescription: Latent damage

The Commission is holding a seminar on 25 June 2015 on the starting date for prescription of obligations to pay damages. [Read more...](#)

CURRENT CONSULTATION

Compulsory purchase

The Commission issued a [Discussion Paper](#) on Compulsory Purchase. The consultation period runs until 19 June 2015; and we welcome all comments as soon as possible. A series of consultation events and seminars have been held. [Read more...](#)