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SCOTTISH LAW COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Scottish Law Commission's Annual Report 2024 is published today.

The Report outlines progress on the Commission's law reform work during 2024. It explains the Commission's work to promote law reform, notes the implementation to date of the Commission's recommendations, and contains a forward look at publications planned for 2025.

The Commission is currently part way through its [Eleventh Programme of Law Reform](#) which covers the period from 2023 to 2027.

The Report discusses our work on a number of projects including: aspects of family law; homicide; securities over land; compulsory owners' associations in tenements; damages for personal injury; the Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Act 1949; and execution of documents. Further details can be found in the Report.

The Chair of the Commission, Lady Paton said:

"2024 has been a productive year for the Commission including publications on several topics. A Report and draft Bill on Damages for Personal Injury was published. Three discussion papers were published on Tenement Law: Compulsory Owners' Associations, Aspects of Leases: Tenancy of Shops (Scotland) Act 1949 and Civil Remedies for Domestic Abuse. We welcomed a new Commissioner, Ann Stewart, and we are delighted that she has commenced work on the project relating to execution of documents. We are pleased that continued progress is being made on the implementation of Commission reports with Royal Assent being granted to the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Act 2024; the Scottish Parliament passing the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill and the introduction of the Leases (Automatic Continuation etc) (Scotland) Bill into the Scottish Parliament."

FURTHER INFORMATION SECTION

1. The Scottish Law Commission was set up in 1965 to promote the reform of the law of Scotland. The Chair is the Rt Hon Lady Paton, a Court of Session judge. The other Commissioners are David Bartos, Professor Gillian Black, Professor Frankie McCarthy and Ann Stewart. The Chief Executive is Rachel Rayner.
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3. The paper will be available on our website at <https://www.scotlawcom.gov.uk> on 26 March 2025.