



Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

2014 asp 18

PART 3

CIVIL PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 1

SHERIFF COURT

Civil jury trials

71 Verdict subject to opinion of the Sheriff Appeal Court

- (1) This section applies in relation to any jury proceedings in which the sheriff has directed the jury on any matter.
- (2) A party against whom the verdict of the jury is returned may apply to the Sheriff Appeal Court for the verdict instead to be entered in the party's favour.
- (3) On an application under subsection (2), the Court may—
 - (a) set aside the verdict and exercise either of the powers in subsections (4) and (6), or
 - (b) refuse the application.
- (4) Where the Court is of the opinion—
 - (a) that the sheriff's direction was erroneous, and
 - (b) that the party making the application was entitled to the verdict in whole or in part,it may direct the verdict to be entered in that party's favour.
- (5) The Court may direct the verdict to be so entered—
 - (a) either in whole or in part, and
 - (b) either absolutely or on such terms as the Court thinks fit.
- (6) Where the Court is of the opinion that it is necessary to do so, it may order the proceedings to be tried by another jury.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 71 amendment to earlier commencing S.S.I. 2015/247, art. 8(1) (1.1.2016) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Commencement No. 5, Transitional and Saving Provisions\) Order 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/378\)](#), arts. 1(1), **5**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 71 in force at 22.9.2015 by [S.S.I. 2015/247](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (with art. 8)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)