

# 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.