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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

PART II

EXCEPTED PROCEEDINGS

- 1 Subject to paragraph 2 below, civil legal aid shall not be available in proceedings which are wholly or partly concerned with defamation or verbal injury.
- 2 The making of a counterclaim for defamation or verbal injury in any proceedings shall not of itself affect the availability of legal aid to the other party, and legal aid may be granted for the purposes of defending such a counterclaim.
- [^{F13} Civil legal aid shall not be available in relation to —
- (a) election petitions under the Representation of the People Act 1983 ^{M1};
 - (b) simplified divorce applications under the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Session or the sheriff court;
 - (c) small claims processes at first instance under section 35(2) of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 ^{M2} summary causes); and
 - (d) petitions by a debtor for the sequestration of his estate under section 5(2) (a) of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 ^{M3}.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 2 Pt. II para. 3 substituted (1.4.1993) by [S.I. 1993/969, reg. 2](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1983 c. 2](#)

M2 [1971 c. 58](#); [section 35\(2\)](#) was substituted by section 18(1) of the [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1985 \(c. 73\)](#).

M3 Section 5(2)(a) amended by section 3(2) of the [Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Act 1993 \(c. 6\)](#).

- [^{F24} Subject to paragraph 5 below, civil legal aid shall not be available in relation to proceedings at first instance under the Debtors (Scotland) Act ^{M4}1987, [^{F3} or Part 2 or 3 of the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 (asp 17)] other than proceedings in connection with an application under section 1(1) or 3(1) of that Act [^{F4} of 1987] to a Lord Ordinary or to the sheriff in an ordinary cause.]

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 2 Pt. II paras. 4, 5 added by [Debtors \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 18, SIF 45:2\)](#), ss. 98, 108(2), **Sch. 1 para. 5**
- F3** Words inserted (30.12.2002) by [Debt Arrangement and Attachment \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 17\)](#), **s. 44(a)(i)**
- F4** Words inserted (30.12.2002) by [Debt Arrangement and Attachment \(Scotland\) Act 2002 \(asp 17\)](#), **s. 44(a)(ii)**
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Marginal Citations

- M4** [1987 c.18 \(45:2\)](#).

- 5 Nothing in paragraph 4 above shall preclude any third party to proceedings under the Debtors (Scotland) Act ^{M5}1987 from obtaining legal aid in connection with those proceedings.

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- M5** [1987 c.18 \(45:2\)](#).

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