## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)

This Act of Sederunt makes amendments to the Rules of the Court of Session 1994 (S.I.1994/1443). These amendments are a consequence of the implementation of the Vulnerable Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2004 (asp 3) to civil proceedings. A new Chapter 35A is inserted to provide procedure and forms for dealing with child witness notices, vulnerable witness applications and applications to review orders specifying the special measures to be used when taking evidence from a vulnerable witness. It also sets out the procedure for the special measure of taking evidence by a commissioner. The witness citation form is also amended to give a witness some information about the possibility of giving evidence with a special measure if they are a vulnerable witness.