



Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 46

PART II

RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS A SOLICITOR

Unqualified persons acting as solicitors

31 Offence for unqualified persons to pretend to be solicitor or notary public.

[^{F1}(1)] Any unqualified person (including a body corporate) who either by himself or together with others, wilfully and falsely—

- (a) pretends to be a solicitor or notary public; or
- (b) takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is duly qualified to act as a solicitor or a notary public or recognised by law as so qualified;

shall be guilty of an offence.

[^{F2}In this section, “unqualified person” does not include an incorporated practice].

[^{F3}(2)] Any person (including a body corporate) who either by himself or together with others, wilfully and falsely—

- (a) pretends to be an incorporated practice;
- (b) takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is an incorporated practice,

shall be guilty of an offence.

[^{F4}(3)] [.....]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 31 renumbered as subsection (1) of that section by [Law Reform \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) \(Scotland\) Act 1985 \(c. 73, SIF 76:2\)](#), s. 56, **Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 8**

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- F2** Words inserted by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 73, SIF 76:2), s. 56, **Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 8(a)**
- F3** S. 31(2)(3) inserted by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (c. 73, SIF 76:2), s. 56, **Sch. 1 Pt. I para. 8(b)**
- F4** S. 31(3) repealed (3.6.1991) by Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 (c. 40, SIF 76:2), s. 74, **Sch. 9**; S.I. 1991/1252, art. 3, **Sch. 1**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 31 amended by Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48, SIF 67A), s. 278(2)(3)
- C2** S. 31 modified (31.10.1994) by 1994 c. 26, s. 86(2); S.I. 1994/2550, art.2

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