



Court of Session Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 36

PART VII

SUPPLEMENTARY

51 Interpretation

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“action” means a cause initiated by a summons;

“the Court” means the Court of Session and, in any provision conferring a power on the Court with regard to a cause before it, means, as the case may be, a Division of the Inner House, a Division sitting with an additional judge or judges or a Lord Ordinary;

“enactment” includes an act of sederunt^{F1} and an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament];

“the Inner House” means, in any provision conferring power on it, a Division thereof;

“the Lord President” means the Lord President of the Court of Session;

“prescribed” means prescribed by act of sederunt;

“solicitor” has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the ^{M1}Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in s. 51 inserted (1.4.2015) by [Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(asp 18\)](#), s. 138(2), [sch. 5 para. 43](#); [S.S.I. 2015/77](#), art. 2(2)(3), [sch.](#)

Marginal Citations

M1 [1980 c. 46](#).

Changes to legislation:

Court of Session Act 1988, Section 51 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 11 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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):

- s. 27(1A) added by [2024 asp 1 s. 7\(13\)](#)