

*These notes refer to the Crime and Courts Act 2013
(c.22) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2013*

CRIME AND COURTS ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Courts and Justice

Section 33: Abolition of scandalising the judiciary as a form of contempt of court

470. *Subsection (1)* abolishes the common law offence of scandalising the judiciary (also referred to as scandalising the court or scandalising judges) as a form of contempt of court in England and Wales.
471. *Subsection (2)* clarifies that conduct that is contempt of court (such as abuse of a judge in the face of the court or that otherwise interferes with particular proceedings) and that would also have been scandalising the judiciary remains contempt of court.