

GLASGOW BAR ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting
Via Video Conferencing
on
Tuesday 19th May 2020 @ 5.00pm
AGENDA

- **Sederunt**
 - Billy Lavelle, Fiona McKinnon, Craig Dewar, Moira Deeney, Alison Heron, Tracey Mulholland, Lindsay Gaughan, Katy Wilson, David Fiskien, Umar Hussain, Scott Adair
- **Apologies for Absence**
 - Jim Bauld , Lorna McCann, Michael Gallen, Eddie Gilroy
- **Purpose of the Meeting**
 - **To discuss any further developments for the members in light of Covid19**
- We have been in communications with the SP in relation to the progress of court business. Our communications to him have been posted on the GBA website. We have received a response from him in relation to our most recent letter
 - **Action:** Revert with further information in relation to the specific problems in relation to the remote representation provisions
 - **Action:** Request further clarifications re what is considered necessary for a civil restart application versus an urgent application.
 - **Action:** Request a motions court (or similar)
 - **Action:** request that members are emailed interlocutors in family cases and also in social work referral cases
- DF has been continuing to participate in a Working Group in relation to Jury provisions. He was involved in a further call today where a presentation was given today by senior SCTS staff. The discussions thus far have centred around the feasibility of jury trials in the High Court but not the Sheriff court. At present, SCTS are indicating that 2 trials could be heard in Glasgow High court and only 1 in Edinburgh as it is their position that three court rooms are required to facilitate each trial. No timetable issued. Summer holiday period, family care commitments and the Court Estate are all factors.
- BL has been able to speak to Stuart Munro who is the Law Society representative at the short term working group headed by Lady Dorrian. Noting input from E & W counterparts will be sought by LSS as jury trials have restarted there. Michael Glancy from LSS looking into this. Looking at Report before end of the month.
 - **Action:** further letter to be sent to working party and the Justice committee outlining the GBA's position in relation to same. Reiterate we are looking for an invite to contribute to the discussions re use of the Court Estate and to participate in those discussions.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Monday 1st June 2020