

## The Office of Sheriff Principal – Outreach Video Q & A Responses

Q – 1.

Does being an Advocate or Procurator Fiscal carry greater weight during the application process than being a Solicitor? When reading the roles of successful applicants, it appears that a large portion of those who become Sheriff are Advocates/Procurator Fiscals.

A – 1.

We welcome applications from any part of the profession and no greater weight is given to any type of experience. However, you do need to demonstrate that you can meet the criteria for the post. This includes possessing the high level of legal knowledge and ability, including legal analysis and interpretation of the law, required to meet the requirements of the Sheriff Appeal Court. You will also need to be able to deal effectively with areas of law which are new to you.

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Q – 2.

Is the legal part of the application form more important than the second part i.e. judicial qualities?

A – 2.

Both parts of the application form are equally important. As well as demonstrating your high level of legal knowledge and experience, we are looking for evidence that you have the personal and judicial qualities required for this significant role.

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Q – 3.

Will there be a choice of base court? For example can you opt for Inverness or Aberdeen?

A – 3.

The successful applicant will be able to choose their base court, between either Inverness or Aberdeen Sheriff Court.