

*These notes relate to the Legal Profession and Legal Aid  
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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 – Legal Profession: Other Matters**

##### ***Section 63: Regulation of notaries public***

163. **Section 63** inserts a new section after section 59 of the 1980 Act. The new section provides the Council of the Law Society of Scotland with powers to make rules regulating the admission, enrolment and professional practice of notaries public. The procedure which the Council has to follow is to consult notaries public on a draft of the rules, take account of any representations made and submit the rules to the Lord President of the Court of Session for approval. Failure to comply with the rules may be treated as professional misconduct or unsatisfactory professional conduct on the part of the solicitor who is the notary public.