



THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF OFFENDING

**This is an open meeting, free
to all with an interest in
crime and criminal justice.**

**There is no need to register
to attend – just turn up on
the evening!**

**1½ hours of CPD time may
be claimed by Advocates,
Solicitors, Police and Social
Workers.**

**Registration at the event
will be required for the first
two professions.**

**Refreshments will be
available at the end of the
Lecture.**

ALL WELCOME!

Scottish Association for the Study of Offending

Edinburgh Branch

**Invite you to attend a public lecture on
Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 5.30pm**

**by
Lord Justice-Clerk Beckett
and Lord Matthews**

**entitled
“Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking”
at
Edinburgh Sheriff Court, Chambers Street,
Edinburgh**

Lord Justice-Clerk Beckett was appointed in 2025. He is the second most senior judge in Scotland. He was appointed a Senator of the College of Justice in 2016. Before that he had a distinguished career as both a defence advocate, when he represented the Libyan Bomber in the trial in the Netherlands, and as an Advocate Depute prosecuting High Court trials before becoming Solicitor General for Scotland in 2006.

Lord Matthews was appointed as a Senator in 2007, and was appointed to the Appeal Court in 2021. Before that he practised at the bar, including as an Advocate Depute, until his appointment as a sheriff in January 1997.

In their talks they will speak about the nature of such offending, the value of international cooperation and some of the practical and legal issues that can arise in trials. They will also speak about sentencing.

The aim of SASO is to bring together people with a wide range of experience in the criminal justice system so that by listening, talking and sharing experience, a better understanding of our common problems will develop.

For more information about SASO, its aims and objectives, ongoing activities and membership options please visit our website at www.sastudyoffending.org.uk

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