

MORRIS & SPOTTISWOOD IN THE HIGH COURT

Scottish fit out specialists, Morris & Spottiswood has been awarded a contract for the multi-million pound upgrade of Scotland's High Courts.

High Courts in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Kilmarnock, Elgin, Greenock and Alloa are set to benefit from the £5m improvement programme which will see the creation of additional court rooms, witness accommodation, interview rooms, as well as improved public access areas and communal facilities - including the installation of lifts.

Morris & Spottiswood, which employs nearly 300 staff at its offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Manchester will be installing the latest communications and information technology including video link from the vulnerable witness suite to the court room, recording and monitoring technology as well as plasma screens.

The refurbishment project, which will also involve the restoration of some of the original features of the buildings' interiors, many of which are Historic Scotland Grade A listed, starts immediately and is due to conclude during the summer.

Morris & Spottiswood project manager, Brian McCann says the current contract is one of the largest refurbishments to be carried out by the Scottish Courts.

"We have been working with the Scottish Courts for nearly ten years and this is one of the largest refurbishments that we have seen during this period. The increasing number of criminal cases over the years has put pressure on the existing facilities and the time had come for some serious investment which would create a more pleasant working environment and significantly enhanced facilities for all concerned."

Area prosecutor Geraldine Watt welcomed the improvements saying, "The additional court facilities will allow more cases to be prosecuted swiftly and efficiently improving the delivery of justice for the local communities concerned".

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