



Criminal Justice Act 1925

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PART III

AMENDMENTS AS TO OFFENCES

41 Prohibition on taking photographs, &c., in court.

(1) No person shall—

- (a) take or attempt to take in any court any photograph, or with a view to publication make or attempt to make in any court any portrait or sketch, of any person, being a judge of the court or a juror or a witness in or a party to any proceedings before the court, whether civil or criminal; or
- (b) publish any photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in contravention of the foregoing provisions of this section or any reproduction thereof;

and if any person acts in contravention of this section he shall, on summary conviction, be liable in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.

[^{F1}(1ZA) Subsection (1) does not apply to anything done in accordance with a direction under section 85A of the Courts Act 2003 (remote observation and recording of court and tribunal proceedings).]

[^{F2}(1A) See section 32 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 for power to provide for [^{F3}further] exceptions.]

(2) For the purposes of this section—

- [^{F4}(a) the expression “court” means any court of justice (including the court of a coroner), apart from the Supreme Court;]
- (b) the expression “Judge” includes . . . ^{F5}, registrar, magistrate, justice and coroner;
- (c) a photograph, portrait or sketch shall be deemed to be a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made in court if it is taken or made in the court-room or in the building or in the precincts of the building in which the court is held, or if it is a photograph, portrait or sketch taken or made of the person while

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he is entering or leaving the court–room or any such building or precincts as aforesaid.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 41(1ZA) inserted (28.4.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 198(2)(a)**, 208(4)(aa)
- F2** S. 41(1A) inserted (15.7.2013) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 32(7)**, 61(3); S.I. 2013/1725, art. 2(f)
- F3** Word in s. 41(1A) inserted (28.4.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 \(c. 32\)](#), **ss. 198(2)(b)**, 208(4)(aa)
- F4** S. 41(2)(a) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 47(1)**, 148(1); S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(b)
- F5** Word repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23\)](#), **Sch. 11 Pt. IV**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 41 excluded (30.10.2013) by [The Court of Appeal \(Recording and Broadcasting\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2786\)](#), arts. 1, 4
- C2** S. 41 excluded (27.5.2016) by [The Crown Court \(Recording\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/612\)](#), arts. 1, 4 (with art. 3)
- C3** S. 41 excluded (20.6.2020) by [The Crown Court \(Recording and Broadcasting\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/637\)](#), arts. 1, 4 (with art. 3)
- C4** S. 41 excluded (temp.) (24.7.2020) by [The Competition Appeal Tribunal \(Coronavirus\) \(Recording and Broadcasting\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/801\)](#), arts. 1, 4-8 (with art. 9)
- C5** S. 41 excluded (11.2.2022) by [The Competition Appeal Tribunal \(Recording and Broadcasting\) Order 2022 \(S.I. 2022/156\)](#), arts. 1, 4-9
- C6** S. 41 excluded (24.10.2023) by [The Courts \(Prescribed Recordings\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1124\)](#), arts. 1, 4 (with art. 3)

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