



# Supreme Court Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 54

### PART I

#### CONSTITUTION OF SUPREME COURT

##### *Other provisions*

#### **13 Precedence of judges of Supreme Court**

- (1) When sitting in the Court of Appeal—
  - (a) the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls shall rank in that order ; and
  - (b) Lords of Appeal in Ordinary and persons who have been Lord Chancellor shall rank next after the Master of the Rolls and, among themselves, according to the priority of the dates on which they respectively became Lords of Appeal in Ordinary or Lord Chancellor, as the case may be.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1)(b), the President of the Family Division shall rank next after the Master of the Rolls.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor shall rank next after the President of the Family Division.
- (4) The vice-president or vice-presidents of the divisions of the Court of Appeal shall rank next after the Vice-Chancellor; and if there are two vice-presidents of those divisions, they shall rank, among themselves, according to the priority of the dates on which they respectively became vice-presidents.
- (5) The Lords Justices of Appeal (other than the vice-president or vice-presidents of the divisions of the Court of Appeal) shall rank after the ex-officio judges of the Court of Appeal and, among themselves, according to the priority of the dates on which they respectively became judges of that court.
- (6) The puisne judges of the High Court shall rank next after the judges of the Court of Appeal and, among themselves, according to the priority of the dates on which they respectively became judges of the High Court.