



# Access to Justice Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 22

### PART IV

#### APPEALS, COURTS, JUDGES AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

##### *Appeals*

#### **54 Permission to appeal.**

- (1) Rules of court may provide that any right of appeal to—
  - (a) [<sup>F1</sup>the county court],
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(aa) the family court,]
  - (b) the High Court, or
  - (c) the Court of Appeal,may be exercised only with permission.
- (2) This section does not apply to a right of appeal in a criminal cause or matter.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) rules of court may make provision as to—
  - (a) the classes of case in which a right of appeal may be exercised only with permission,
  - (b) the court or courts which may give permission for the purposes of this section,
  - (c) any considerations to be taken into account in deciding whether permission should be given, and
  - (d) any requirements to be satisfied before permission may be given,and may make different provision for different circumstances.
- (4) No appeal may be made against a decision of a court under this section to give or refuse permission (but this subsection does not affect any right under rules of court to make a further application for permission to the same or another court).
- (5) For the purposes of this section a right to make an application to have a case stated for the opinion of the High Court constitutes a right of appeal.

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- (6) For the purposes of this section a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal includes—
- (a) the right to make an application for a new trial, and
  - (b) the right to make an application to set aside a verdict, finding or judgment in any cause or matter in the High Court which has been tried, or in which any issue has been tried, by a jury.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in ss. 54-57 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F2** S. 54(1)(aa) inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 79](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

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