



Constitutional Reform Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 4

PART 3

THE SUPREME COURT

Supplementary

60 Interpretation of Part 3

(1) In this Part—

“part of the United Kingdom” means England and Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland;

“the senior judges” means—

- (a) the judges of the Supreme Court;
- (b) the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales;
- (c) the Master of the Rolls;
- (d) the Lord President of the Court of Session;
- (e) the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland;
- (f) the Lord Justice Clerk;
- (g) the President of the Queen's Bench Division;
- (h) the President of the Family Division;
- (i) the Chancellor of the High Court;

“the Supreme Court” means the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom.

(2) In this Part—

- (a) “high judicial office” means office as a judge of any of the following courts—
 - (i) the Supreme Court;
 - (ii) the Court of Appeal in England and Wales;
 - (iii) the High Court in England and Wales;
 - (iv) the Court of Session;
 - (v) the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland;

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- (vi) the High Court in Northern Ireland;
or as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary;
- (b) a person appointed to the office of Lord Chancellor on or after 12 June 2003 who holds, or held, office of a kind referred to in paragraph (a) (“the qualifying office”) is to be regarded as holding, or having held, high judicial office only if—
 - (i) he has ceased to be Lord Chancellor by virtue of that appointment, and
 - (ii) he holds, or held, the qualifying office otherwise than by virtue of that appointment as Lord Chancellor.
- (3) In this Part—
 - (a) “ordinary judge” means a judge of the Supreme Court who is not the President or the Deputy President of the Court;
 - (b) the senior ordinary judge at any time is, of the ordinary judges at that time, the one who has served longest as a judge of the Court (whether over one or more periods and whether or not including one or more previous periods as President or Deputy President).
- (4) Service as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary counts as service as a judge of the Court for the purposes of subsection (3)(b).

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 60(5) omitted (1.10.2013) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 7\(1\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2013/2200](#), art. 3(d) (with savings in [S.I. 2013/2193](#), reg. 23)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 132(4A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 s. 83\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(9\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words inserted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4Pt. A words substituted by [2007 c. 15 s. 144\(10\)\(b\)](#)