



Crime and Courts Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 22

PART 2

COURTS AND JUSTICE

Administration of justice

17 Civil and family proceedings in England and Wales

(1) In Part 1 of the County Courts Act 1984 at the beginning insert—

“The county court

A1 Establishment of a single county court

(1) There is to be a court in England and Wales, called the county court, for the purpose of exercising the jurisdiction and powers conferred on it—

- (a) by or under this or any other Act, or
- (b) by or under any Act, or Measure, of the National Assembly for Wales.

(2) The county court is to be a court of record and have a seal.”

(2) Sections 1 and 2 of that Act (county courts to be held for districts) are repealed.

(3) In the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 before Part 5 insert—

“PART 4A

THE FAMILY COURT

31A Establishment of the family court

- (1) There is to be a court in England and Wales, called the family court, for the purpose of exercising the jurisdiction and powers conferred on it—
 - (a) by or under this or any other Act, or
 - (b) by or under any Act, or Measure, of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (2) The family court is to be a court of record and have a seal.”
- (4) Part 2 of the Children, Schools and Families Act 2010 (family proceedings) is repealed, as are the following related provisions of that Act: Part 2 of each of Schedules 3 and 4; section 29(4); and “, (4)” in section 29(6).
- (5) Schedule 9 (amendments in connection with the county court replacing the existing county courts) has effect.
- (6) Schedules 10 and 11 (amendments in connection with the establishment of the family court) have effect.