

2014 No. 819

SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Civil Courts Order 2014

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>27th March 2014</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>31st March 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>22nd April 2014</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 99(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(a), having consulted the Lord Chief Justice in accordance with that section, makes the following Order:

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Courts Order 2014 and shall come into force on 22nd April 2014.

(2) In this Order “Chancery district registry” means the Chancery district registries sitting at Birmingham, Bristol, Caernarfon, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Mold, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Preston.

District Registries of the High Court

2.—(1) There shall be a district registry at each of the places specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The name of every place so specified shall be the name of the district registry at that place, except that the name of the district registry at Brecon shall be the Brecknock District Registry, the name of the district registry at Chatham shall be the Medway District Registry, the name of the district registry at Margate shall be the Thanet District Registry and the name of the district registry at Torquay shall be the Torquay and Newton Abbot District Registry.

(3) A district registry which is also a Chancery district registry is denoted by the words “(Chancery)” following the name of the place at which the district registry is situated.

(4) The district of each district registry shall be the area comprising the areas served by the hearing centres of the County Court named in the second column of the Schedule to this Order opposite the name of the place at which the district registry is situated.

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Shailesh Vara
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Justice

27th March 2014

(a) 1981 c.54. Section 99 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4), section 15(1) and Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 114 and 143(1), (2) and (3).

SCHEDULE

Article 2

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
Name of place	Districts defined by reference to areas served by hearing centres of the County Court
Aberystwyth	Aberystwyth
Barnsley	Barnsley
Barnstaple	Barnstaple
Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow-in-Furness
Basingstoke	Basingstoke
Bath	Bath
	Chippenham and Trowbridge
Bedford	Bedford
Birkenhead	Birkenhead
Birmingham (Chancery)	Birmingham
Blackburn	Blackburn
Blackpool	Blackpool
Blackwood	Blackwood
Bolton	Bolton
Boston	Boston
Bournemouth	Bournemouth and Poole
Bradford	Bradford
Brecon	Brecknock
Bridgend	Bridgend
	Neath and Port Talbot
Brighton	Brighton
	Lewes
Bristol (Chancery)	Bristol
	Weston-super-Mare
Burnley	Accrington
	Burnley
Bury	Bury
Bury St. Edmunds	Bury St. Edmunds
Caernarfon (Chancery)	Caernarfon
	Conwy and Colwyn
	Porthmadog
Cambridge	Cambridge
Canterbury	Canterbury
Cardiff (Chancery)	Cardiff
Carlisle	Carlisle
Carmarthen	Carmarthen
	Llanelli
Chatham	Medway
	Dartford
Chelmsford	Chelmsford
	Hertford
Chester	Chester
Chesterfield	Chesterfield
Chichester	Chichester
Colchester	Colchester and Clacton
Coventry	Banbury
	Coventry
	Nuneaton

Crewe	Warwick
Croydon	Crewe
	Bromley
Darlington	Croydon
Derby	Darlington
	Buxton
Doncaster	Derby
	Doncaster
Dudley	Rotherham
Durham	Dudley
Eastbourne	Durham
Exeter	Eastbourne
Gloucester	Exeter
Great Grimsby	Gloucester and Cheltenham
Guildford	Great Grimsby
	Aldershot and Farnham
Halifax	Guildford
Harrogate	Reigate
Hartlepool	Halifax
Hastings	Harrogate
Haverfordwest	Hartlepool
Hereford	Hastings
Huddersfield	Haverfordwest
Ipswich	Hereford
Kendal	Huddersfield
King's Lynn	Ipswich
Kingston-upon-Hull	Kendal
Lancaster	King's Lynn
Leeds (Chancery)	Kingston-upon-Hull
Leicester	Lancaster
	Leeds
Lincoln	Leicester
Liverpool (Chancery)	Loughborough
Llangefni	Lincoln
Luton	Liverpool
Macclesfield	Llangefni
Maidstone	Luton
Manchester (Chancery)	Macclesfield
	Maidstone
Mansfield	Altrincham
Margate	Manchester
Merthyr Tydfil	Mansfield
Middlesbrough	Thanet
Milton Keynes	Merthyr Tydfil
	Middlesbrough
Mold (Chancery)	Aylesbury
Newcastle-upon-Tyne (Chancery)	Milton Keynes
	Mold
Newport (Gwent)	Morpeth and Berwick
Newport (Isle of Wight)	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Northampton	Newport (Gwent)
	Newport (Isle of Wight)
	Kettering

Norwich	Northampton
Nottingham	Norwich
Oldham	Nottingham
	Oldham
	Tameside
Oxford	Oxford
Peterborough	Peterborough
Plymouth	Plymouth
Pontypridd	Pontypridd
Portsmouth	Portsmouth
Preston (Chancery)	Preston
Reading	Reading
	Slough
Rhyl	Rhyl
Romford	Basildon
	Romford
	St Helens
St Helens	Salisbury
Salisbury	Salisbury
Scarborough	Scarborough
Scunthorpe	Scunthorpe
Sheffield	Sheffield
Skipton	Skipton
Southampton	Southampton
Southend-on-Sea	Southend-on-Sea
South Shields	North Shields
	South Shields
	Stafford
Stafford	Stockport
Stockport	Stoke-on-Trent
Stock-on-Trent	Gateshead
Sunderland	Sunderland
	Swansea
	Swindon
Swansea	Taunton
Swindon	Telford
Taunton	Torquay and Newton Abbot
Telford	Bodmin
Torquay	Truro
Truro	
	Tunbridge Wells
	Wakefield
Tunbridge Wells	Walsall
Wakefield	Warrington
Walsall	Welshpool and Newtown
Warrington	Weymouth
Welshpool	Wigan
Weymouth	Winchester
Wigan	Wolverhampton
Winchester	Worcester
Wolverhampton	West Cumbria
Worcester	Horsham
Workington	Worthing
Worthing	Wrexham
	Yeovil
Wrexham	
Yeovil	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order replaces the Civil Courts Order 1983 (SI 1983/713) (“the 1983 Order”). It specifies the locations and names of the district registries of the High Court in England and Wales.

Previously, the district of each district registry was defined by reference to the area comprising the districts of particular county courts, which were specified in the 1983 Order. However, following the coming into force of section 17 of the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22), which amends the County Courts Act 1984 (c.28) to establish a single County Court for England and Wales, the district served by each district registry is now defined by reference to the areas served by the particular hearing centres of the County Court specified in this Order. The number and locations of the district registries have not been changed. Those County Court hearing centres which now define the district of each district registry correspond to the county courts which previously defined them.

The 1983 Order also specified those county courts which had jurisdiction in respect of proceedings under the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (c.42), the Insolvency Act 1986 (c.45), the Race Relations Act 1976 (c.74) the Companies Act 2006 (c.46) and the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c.12). However, following the implementation of both the single County Court and the family court, it is no longer necessary, or possible, to confer jurisdiction in this way. Accordingly, similar provision is not made in this Order.

The 1983 Order and those subsequent orders which amended it are repealed by the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (Consequential, Transitional and Saving Provisions) Order 2014 (SI 2014/820) (“The 2014 Order”). This is because the 2013 Act will repeal some of the relevant order making powers in primary legislation, under which the 1983 Order was made, on the same date that the 1983 Order is revoked. On that basis, it is not possible to use those powers to revoke, in their entirety, the 1983 Order or the amending orders.

The Insolvency (Commencement of Proceedings) and Insolvency Rules 1986 (Amendment) Rules 2014 (SI 2014/817) now specify those County Court hearing centres where proceedings under the Insolvency Act 1986 must be commenced and, for the time being, the 2014 Order provides that proceedings under the Race Relations Act 1976 (which although repealed, is subject to a number of savings) will continue to be heard in those hearing centres which correspond to the county courts previously designated for that purpose.

© Crown copyright 2014

Printed and published in the UK by The Stationery Office Limited under the authority and superintendence of Carol Tullo, Controller of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and Queen’s Printer of Acts of Parliament.

£4.00

UK2014032834 04/2014 19585

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/id/uksi/2014/819>

ISBN 978-0-11-111313-4



9 780111 113134