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**2020 No. 380 (L. 10)**

**SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The District Probate Registries (Amendment) Order 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th March 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>31st March 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>22nd April 2020</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the power conferred on him by section 104(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(1), having consulted the President of the Family Division as nominee of the Lord Chief Justice(2), makes the following Order:

**Citation and Commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the District Probate Registries (Amendment) Order 2020 and comes into force on 22nd April 2020.

**Amendments to the District Probate Registries Order 1982**

- 2.—(1) The Schedule to the District Probate Registries Order 1982(3) is amended as follows.
- (2) In article 2(1), omit “column 1 of”
  - (3) Omit article 3.
  - (4) In article 4(1), omit “or of a district probate sub-registry”.
  - (5) In column 1 of the Schedule—
    - (a) omit the heading “Column 1”; and
    - (b) omit “Birmingham”.
  - (6) Omit column 2 of the Schedule.

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(1) 1981 (c. 54). Section 104(1) was amended by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), sections 15 and Schedule 4, paragraphs 114 and 144. Section 59(5) of, and paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 11 to, the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 provided for the Supreme Court Act 1981 to be cited as the Senior Courts Act 1981.

(2) Section 104(3) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 provides that the Lord Chief Justice may nominate another judicial office-holder to carry out the function specified in section 104(1) and the President of the Family Division has been so nominated.

(3) S.I. 1982/379, amended by S.I. 1994/1103, S.I. 1994/3079 and S.I. 2006/680.

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30th March 2020

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Ministry of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order amends the District Probate Registries Order 1982 ([S.I.1982/379](#)) (the “Order”) to revoke the Lord Chancellor’s direction that a probate registry be established at Birmingham and that sub-registries be established at the places listed in column 2 of the Schedule to the Order.