



Magistrates' Courts Act 1980

1980 CHAPTER 43

PART II **E+W**

CIVIL JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURE

Hearing of complaint

57 Non-appearance of both parties. **E+W**

^{F1}[^{F2}... Where] at the time and place appointed for the hearing or adjourned hearing of a complaint neither the complainant nor the defendant appears, the court may dismiss the complaint.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 57 repealed (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(3\), Sch. 10 para. 99](#) Table; [S.I. 2014/954, art. 2\(d\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F2** Words in s. 57 substituted (6.4.2011) by [The Family Procedure \(Modification of Enactments\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1045\), arts. 1, 9](#) (with [art. 39](#))

Status:

Point in time view as at 13/05/2014. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, Section 57 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 04 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.