



# Courts Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 39

### PART 6

#### JUDGES

*Offices, titles, styles etc.*

#### 62 [F<sup>1</sup>Head and Deputy Head of Civil Justice]

[F<sup>2</sup>(1) There is to be a Head of Civil Justice.

(2) The Head of Civil Justice is—

- (a) the Master of the Rolls, or
- (b) if the Lord Chief Justice appoints another person, that person.

(3) The Lord Chief Justice may appoint a person to be Deputy Head of Civil Justice.

(4) The Lord Chief Justice must not appoint a person under subsection (2)(b) or (3) unless these conditions are met—

- (a) the Lord Chief Justice has consulted the Lord Chancellor;
- (b) the person to be appointed is one of the following—
  - (i) the Chancellor of the High Court;
  - (ii) an ordinary judge of the Court of Appeal.

(5) A person appointed under subsection (2)(b) or (3) holds the office to which he is appointed in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(6) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under this section.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 62 inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 14, [Sch. 4 para. 330](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(y)
- F2** S. 62 substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 14, [Sch. 4 para. 330](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(y)

## 63 Ordinary judges of the Court of Appeal

(1) In section 2 of the 1981 Act (the Court of Appeal), for subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) An ordinary judge of the Court of Appeal (including the vice-president, if any, of either division) shall be styled “Lord Justice of Appeal” or “Lady Justice of Appeal”.”

(2) “The 1981 Act” means the Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54).

## 64 Power to alter judicial titles

(1) The Lord Chancellor may by order—

- (a) alter the name of an office listed in subsection (2);
- (b) provide for or alter the way in which the holders of any of those offices are to be styled.

(2) The offices are—

Admiralty Registrar  
 Assistant Recorder  
 [<sup>F3</sup>Chancellor of the High Court]  
 Circuit judge  
 Deputy Circuit judge  
 Deputy district judge appointed under section 102 of the 1981 Act  
 Deputy district judge [<sup>F4</sup>appointed under section 8 of the County Courts Act 1984]  
 [<sup>F5</sup>Deputy Head of Civil Justice]  
 [<sup>F6</sup>Deputy Head of Family Justice]  
 Deputy judge of the High Court  
 District judge for a county court district  
 District judge of the High Court  
 District judge of the principal registry of the Family Division  
 District probate registrar  
 [<sup>F7</sup>Head of Civil Justice]  
 [<sup>F8</sup>Head of Family Justice]  
 Lord Chief Justice  
 Master of the Chancery Division  
 Master of the Court of Protection  
 Master of the Queen’s Bench Division  
 Master of the Rolls  
 Ordinary judge of the Court of Appeal  
 [<sup>F9</sup>President of the Courts of England and Wales]

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President of the Family Division  
[<sup>F10</sup>President of the Queen's Bench Division]  
Presiding Judge for a Circuit  
Puisne judge of the High Court  
Queen's Coroner and Attorney and Master of the Crown Office and Registrar of Criminal Appeals  
Recorder  
Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court  
Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales  
Taxing Master of the Supreme Court  
<sup>F11</sup> .....

Vice-president of the Court of Appeal  
Vice-president of the Queen's Bench Division.

(3) The Lord Chancellor may also by order provide for or alter the way in which deputies or temporary additional officers appointed under section 91(1)(a) of the 1981 Act are to be styled.

[<sup>F12</sup>(3A) The Lord Chancellor may make an order under this section only with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice.]

(4) Before making an order under this section the Lord Chancellor must consult—

(a) <sup>F13</sup> .....

(b) the Master of the Rolls,

[<sup>F14</sup>(ba) the President of the Queen's Bench Division,

(c) the President of the Family Division, and

(d) the Chancellor of the High Court.]

(5) An order under this section may make such provision as the Lord Chancellor considers necessary in consequence of any provision made under subsection (1) or (3).

(6) The provision that may be made under subsection (5) includes provision amending, repealing or revoking any enactment.

[<sup>F15</sup>(7) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F4** Words in s. 64(2) substituted (19.7.2007) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007, \(c. 39\), ss. 56, 148, {Sch. 11 para. 14}](#)
- F5** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F6** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(iv\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F7** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(v\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F8** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), s. 15, Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(vii\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)

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- F9** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 331(2)(b)(viii)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F10** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 331(2)(b)(ix)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F11** Words in s. 64(2) repealed (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 146, Sch. 4 para. 331(2)(a) {Sch. 18 Pt. 2}; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(y)
- F12** S. 64(3A) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 331(3)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F13** S. 64(4)(a) repealed (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 146, Sch. 4 para. 331(4)(b)(i), **Sch. 18 Pt. 2**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z), 30(b)
- F14** S. 64(4)(ba)-(d) substituted (3.4.2006) for s. 64(4)(c)(d) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 331(4)(b)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F15** S. 64(7) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), s. 15, **Sch. 4 para. 331(5)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)

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