



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 6

JUDGES

Offices, titles, styles etc.

[^{F2}62 [^{F1}Head and Deputy Head of Civil Justice]

- (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 [^{F3}Senior Courts Act 1981](c. 54).

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in s. 63(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 1](#); {S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)}

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
^{F4} ...
^{F5}Chancellor of the High Court]
^{F6}Chief Chancery Master]
^{F6}Chief Insolvency and Companies Court Judge]
^{F6}Chief Taxing Master]
 Circuit judge
 Deputy Circuit judge
 Deputy district judge appointed under section 102 of the 1981 Act
 Deputy district judge [^{F7}appointed under section 8 of the County Courts Act 1984]
^{F8}Deputy Head of Civil Justice]
^{F9}Deputy Head of Family Justice]
 Deputy judge of the High Court
^{F10}District judge of the county court]
 District judge of the High Court
 District judge of the principal registry of the Family Division
 District probate registrar
^{F11}Head of Civil Justice]

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[^{F12}Head of Family Justice]
 [^{F13}Insolvency and Companies Court Judge]
 Lord Chief Justice
 Master of the Chancery Division
^{F14}

Master of the Queen’s Bench Division
 Master of the Rolls
 Ordinary judge of the Court of Appeal
 [^{F15}President of the Courts of England and Wales]
 [^{F16}President of the Court of Protection,]
 President of the Family Division
 [^{F17}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
^{F18} ...

[^{F6}Senior District Judge of the Family Division]
 [^{F19}Senior Judge of the Court of Protection,]
 [^{F6}Senior Master of the Queen’s Bench Division]
 Senior Presiding Judge for England and Wales
 Taxing Master of the [^{F20}Senior Courts]
^{F21}

Vice-president of the Court of Appeal
 [^{F22}Vice-president of the Court of Protection.]
 Vice-president of the Queen’s Bench Division.

[^{F23}(2A) The Lord Chancellor may by order—

- (a) alter the name of a relevant office;
- (b) provide for or alter the way in which a relevant office is to be styled.

(2B) In subsection (2A) “a relevant office” is a sitting in retirement office under section 123 of the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 for which the corresponding original office is listed in Part 1 of Schedule 3 to that Act.]

(3) The Lord Chancellor may also by order provide for or alter the way in which deputies or temporary additional officers appointed under section [^{F24}91(1)] of the 1981 Act are to be styled.

[^{F25}(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) ^{F26}
- (b) the Master of the Rolls,
- [^{F27}(ba) the President of the Queen's Bench Division,
- (c) the President of the Family Division, and
- (d) the Chancellor of the High Court.]

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- (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) [^{F28}, (2A)] or (3).
- (6) The provision that may be made under subsection (5) includes provision amending, repealing or revoking any enactment.
- [^{F29}(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

- F4** Words in s. 64(2) omitted (15.7.2013) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 13 para. 89\(2\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2013/1725, art. 2(g)
- F5** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 15, [Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F6** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (20.2.2019) by [Courts and Tribunals \(Judiciary and Functions of Staff\) Act 2018 \(c. 33\)](#), [ss. 2\(3\)\(a\)](#), 4(2)
- F7** 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}
- F8** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 15, [Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F9** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 15, [Sch. 4 para. 331\(2\)\(b\)\(iv\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11(z)
- F10** Words in s. 64(2) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 40\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F11** 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)
- F12** 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)
- F13** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (26.2.2018) by [The Alteration of Judicial Titles \(Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/130\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 10\(b\)](#)
- F14** Words in s. 64(2) repealed (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 67(1)(2), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 para. 47\(3\)\(a\)](#), [Sch. 7](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F15** 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)
- F16** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 67(1), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F17** 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)
- F18** Words in s. 64(2) omitted (26.2.2018) by virtue of [The Alteration of Judicial Titles \(Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court\) Order 2018 \(S.I. 2018/130\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 10\(a\)](#)
- F19** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005 \(c. 9\)](#), ss. 67(1), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F20** Words in s. 64(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 4](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2](#)
- F21** 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)
- F22** Words in s. 64(2) inserted (1.10.2007) by [Mental Capacity Act 2005 \(c. 9\)](#), s. 67(1), 68(1)-(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (with ss. 27, 28, 29, 62); S.I. 2007/1897, [art. 2\(1\)\(d\)](#)
- F23** S. 64(2A)(2B) inserted (10.3.2022 for specified purposes) by [Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 131(1)(4)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 10\(2\)](#)

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- F24** Word in s. 64(3) substituted (20.2.2019) by Courts and Tribunals (Judiciary and Functions of Staff) Act 2018 (c. 33), **ss. 2(3)(b)**, 4(2)
- F25** 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)
- F26** 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)
- F27** 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)
- F28** Word in s. 64(5) inserted (10.3.2022 for specified purposes) by Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 (c. 7), s. 131(1)(4)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 10(3)**
- F29** 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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