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Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 6

JUDGES

Offices, titles, styles etc.

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
       [F1Chancellor of the High Court]
       Circuit judge
       Deputy Circuit judge
       Deputy district judge appointed under section 102 of the 1981 Act
       Deputy district judge [F2appointed under section 8 of the County Courts Act 1984]
       [F3Deputy Head of Civil Justice]
       [F4Deputy 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
       [F5Head of Civil Justice]
       [F6Head 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
> [**F7**President of the Courts of England and Wales]
> President of the Family Division
> [**F8**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
> **F9** . . . .
> 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.

[**F10**(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)   **F11** . . . .

    (b)   the Master of the Rolls,

  [**F12**(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.

[**F13**(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.]

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)(ii)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(z)

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F9   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)

F10   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)

F11   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)

F12   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)

F13   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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