



# Civil Partnership Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 33

### PART 2

#### CIVIL PARTNERSHIP: ENGLAND AND WALES

### CHAPTER 3

#### PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

#### **69 Actions in tort between civil partners**

- (1) This section applies if an action in tort is brought by one civil partner against the other during the subsistence of the civil partnership.
- (2) The court may stay the proceedings if it appears—
  - (a) that no substantial benefit would accrue to either civil partner from the continuation of the proceedings, or
  - (b) that the question or questions in issue could more conveniently be disposed of on an application under section 66.
- (3) Without prejudice to subsection (2)(b), the court may in such an action—
  - (a) exercise any power which could be exercised on an application under section 66, or
  - (b) give such directions as it thinks fit for the disposal under that section of any question arising in the proceedings.

**Changes to legislation:**

Civil Partnership Act 2004, Section 69 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 14 March 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.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 102(8A) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(2\)](#)
- s. 103(10) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(5\)](#)
- s. 108(5) inserted by [2023 asp 3 s. 56\(8\)](#)
- s. 213(1A) inserted by [2013 c. 30 Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)](#)