



# Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022

## 2022 CHAPTER 35

### PART 2

#### COURTS, TRIBUNALS AND CORONERS

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#### ONLINE PROCEDURE

#### **22 The Online Procedure Rule Committee**

- (1) Online Procedure Rules are to be made by a committee known as the Online Procedure Rule Committee.
- (2) The Committee is to consist of the persons appointed under subsections (3) and (4).
- (3) The Lord Chief Justice is to appoint—
  - (a) one person who is a judge of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, and
  - (b) two persons each of whom is either—
    - (i) a judge of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, a Circuit Judge or a district judge, or
    - (ii) a judge of the First-tier Tribunal, a judge of the Upper Tribunal, an Employment Judge, or a judge of the Employment Appeal Tribunal nominated as such by the Lord Chief Justice.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor is to appoint—
  - (a) one person who is a barrister in England and Wales, a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales, or a legal executive,
  - (b) one person who has experience in, and knowledge of, the lay advice sector, and
  - (c) one person who has experience in, and knowledge of, information technology relating to end-users' experience of internet portals.

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- (5) Before appointing a person under subsection (3)(a) the Lord Chief Justice must consult—
  - (a) the Lord Chancellor, and
  - (b) the Senior President of Tribunals.
- (6) Before appointing a person under subsection (3)(b) the Lord Chief Justice must—
  - (a) consult the Lord Chancellor and the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) obtain the agreement of the Senior President of Tribunals.
- (7) Before appointing a person under subsection (4)(a) the Lord Chancellor must consult—
  - (a) the Lord Chief Justice,
  - (b) the Senior President of Tribunals, and
  - (c) the relevant authorised body.
- (8) Before appointing a person under subsection (4)(b) or (c) the Lord Chancellor must consult—
  - (a) the Lord Chief Justice, and
  - (b) the Senior President of Tribunals.
- (9) The Lord Chief Justice may appoint one of the persons appointed under subsection (3)(a) or (b) to be the chair of the Online Procedure Rule Committee.
- (10) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise any function of the Lord Chief Justice under this section.
- (11) The Lord Chancellor may reimburse the members of the Online Procedure Rule Committee their travelling and out-of-pocket expenses.
- (12) In this section—
  - “legal executive” means a person authorised by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives to practise as a member of the profession of legal executives;
  - “relevant authorised body”, in relation to an appointment under subsection (4)(a), means—
    - (a) the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales, if the appointment is of a barrister;
    - (b) the Law Society of England and Wales, if the appointment is of a solicitor;
    - (c) the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives, if the appointment is of a legal executive.

#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 51\(4\)](#)
- I2** [S. 22](#) in force at 28.6.2023 by [S.I. 2023/631](#), [reg. 2](#)

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