STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 723

SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Senior Courts (Transfer, Amendment and Consequential Provision) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*8th July 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*15th July 2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st October 2026*

Under section 7(1) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(**a**), the Lord Chancellor and the judges mentioned in subsection (2) of that section made a recommendation for the transfer of the Admiralty Court and Commercial Court from the King's Bench Division to the Chancery Division.

His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers conferred on Him by section 7(1) and (3) of the Senior Courts Act 1981, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order as follows.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Senior Courts (Transfer, Amendment and Consequential Provision) Order 2026.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st October 2026.

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Senior Courts Act 1981

2.—(1) The Senior Courts Act 1981(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5(1)(a) (divisions of High Court)—

(a) for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division";

(b) for "the Chancellor of the High Court, who shall be president thereof," substitute "the President of the Business and Property Division".

(3) In section 6 (the Patents, Admiralty and Commercial Courts), for subsection (1) substitute—

"(1) There shall be as part of the Business and Property Division—

(a) a Patents Court,

(b) an Admiralty Court, and

(**a**) 1981 c. 54; section 7 was amended by paragraph 120 of Schedule 4 and Schedule 18 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4).

(**b**) Section 5(1) was amended by section 69(3) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22) and paragraph 118 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4).

(c) a Commercial Court.".

Amendments of primary legislation

3. Schedule 1 to this Order, which contains amendments to primary legislation in consequence of article 2, has effect.

Amendments of subordinate legislation

4. Schedule 2 to this Order, which contains amendments to subordinate legislation in consequence of article 2, has effect.

Richard Tilbrook
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3

Amendments to primary legislation

Defence Act 1842

1.—(1) The Defence Act 1842(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 31 (for enrolment of deeds relating to lands, &c. in England and Wales), for "High Court of Chancery" substitute "Business and Property Division of the High Court".

(3) In section 32 (deeds not required to be acknowledged, &c)—

(a) after "enrolled in" insert "the Business and Property Division of the High Court in England and Wales or";

(b) omit "England or".

Public Notaries Act 1843

2. In section 5 of the Public Notaries Act 1843(**b**) (appeal), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division of the High Court", in each place it occurs.

National Debt Act 1870

3. In section 3 of the National Debt Act 1870(**c**) (interpretation of terms), in the definition of "The Court of Chancery", for "Court of Chancery in England" substitute "Business and Property Division of the High Court in England and Wales".

Public Works Loans Act 1875

4. In section 28 of the Public Works Loans Act 1875(**d**) (application of money arising on taking possession, sale, mortgage, &c. by the Treasury), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Technical and Industrial Institutions Act 1892

5. In section 7 of the Technical and Industrial Institutions Act 1892(**e**) (conveyances by limited owners), in subsection (2), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

(**a**) 1842 c. 94.
(**b**) 1843 c. 90; section 5 was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4).
(**c**) 1870 c. 71; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**d**) 1875 c. 89; section 28 was amended by section 56(1) of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Consolidation) Act 1925 (c. 49) and paragraph 27 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2020/176.
(**e**) 1892 c. 29.

Public Trustee Act 1906

6. In the following provisions of the Public Trustee Act 1906(**a**), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 10 (appeal to the court), in subsection (2);

(b) section 13 (investigation and audit of trust accounts), in subsection (7).

Law of Property Act 1922

7. In section 188 of the Law of Property Act 1922(**b**) (general definitions and jurisdiction of the court), in subsection (6), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Settled Land Act 1925

8. In section 113 of the Settled Land Act 1925(**c**) (jurisdiction and procedure), in subsection (1), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Law of Property Act 1925

9. In section 203 of the Law of Property Act 1925(**d**) (payment into court, jurisdiction and procedure), in subsection (4), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Courts Act 1971

10. In Schedule 2 to the Courts Act 1971(**e**) (holders of certain existing judicial offices), in Part 1A (certain office-holders eligible for appointment as circuit judges), for "Master of the Chancery Division" substitute "Master of the Business and Property Division".

Judicial Pensions Act 1981

11. In Schedule 1 to the Judicial Pensions Act 1981(**f**) (certain Senior Courts and county court officers, and President of Transport Tribunal), in paragraph 1, for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

Senior Courts Act 1981

12.—(1) The Senior Courts Act 1981(**g**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the following provisions, for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division"—

(**a**) 1906 c. 55; section 13 was amended by section 1(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1948 (c. 58). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**b**) 1922 c. 16; section 188(6) was amended by Schedule 11 to the Courts Act 1971 (c. 23). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**c**) 1925 c. 18; section 113(1) was amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**d**) 1925 c. 20; section 203(4) was amended by paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**e**) 1971 c. 23; there are amendments, but none is relevant.

(**f**) 1981 c. 20; there are amendments, but none is relevant.

(**g**) Section 2(2) was amended by paragraph 115 of Schedule 4, paragraph 22 of Schedule 17 and Schedule 18 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) ("the 2005 Act"). Section 4(1) and (6) was amended by section 72(6) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41), section 69(2) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 (c. 22), paragraph 117 of Schedule 4 and Schedule 18 to the 2005 Act, and paragraph 14 of Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). Section 7(2) was amended by paragraph 120 of Schedule 4 and Schedule 18 to the 2005 Act. Section 10(1), (3) and (5) was amended by section 71(1) of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990, paragraph 122 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 26 of Schedule 11 to the 2005 Act and paragraph 13(3) of Schedule 10 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement

(a) section 2 (the Court of Appeal), in subsections (2)(h) and (6);

(b) section 4 (the High Court), in subsections (1)(d) and (6);

(c) section 7 (power to alter Divisions or transfer certain courts to different Divisions), in subsection (2);

(d) section 10 (appointment of judges of Senior Courts), in subsections (1), (3)(a) and (5)(d);

(e) section 11 (tenure of office of judges of Senior Courts), in subsection (9)(a);

(f) section 13 (precedence of judges of Senior Courts), in subsections (3) and (4);

(g) section 98 (judges' clerks and secretaries), in subsection (1).

(3) In section 89 (masters and registrars), in subsection (3C), in the table, for the entry relating to the Chief Chancery Master substitute—

"Chief Master of the Business and Property Division	Master of the Business and Property Division".

(4) In Schedule 1 (distribution of business in High Court), in paragraph 1 (and the heading before it), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

(5) In Part 2 of Schedule 2 (list of offices in Senior Courts for purposes of Part 4), in the first column of the table (office), for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

County Courts Act 1984

13.—(1) The County Courts Act 1984(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5 (judges of the county court), in subsection (2)(e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

(3) In section 18 (jurisdiction by agreement in certain actions), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984

14. In section 31C of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984(**b**) (judges of the family court), in subsection (1)(e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Insolvency Act 1986

15. In section 413 of the Insolvency Act 1986(**c**) (Insolvency Rules Committee), in subsection (3)(a), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Act 2007 (c. 15). Section 11(9)(a) was amended by paragraph 123 of Schedule 4 to the 2005 Act. Section 13(3) and (4) was amended by paragraph 125 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 26 of Schedule 11 to the 2005 Act. Section 98(1) was amended by paragraph 142 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 26 of Schedule 11 to the 2005 Act. Part 2 of Schedule 2 was amended by paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.I. 2018/130. Section 89(3C) was amended by section 2(1) of the Courts and Tribunals (Judiciary and Functions of Staff) Act 2018 (c. 33) and paragraph 6 of the Schedule to S.I. 2018/130. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**a**) 1984 c. 28; section 5 was substituted by paragraph 4 of Schedule 9 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). Section 18 was amended by paragraph 49 of Schedule 18 to the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41) and paragraph 10 of Schedule 9 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**b**) 1984 c. 42; section 31C was inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**c**) 1986 c. 45; section 413(3) was amended by paragraph 7 of the Schedule to the Alteration of Judicial Titles (Registrar in Bankruptcy of the High Court) Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/130). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

16.—(1) The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990(**a**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the following provisions, for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 1 (allocation of business between High Court, family court and county court), in subsection (9);

(b) section 119 (interpretation), in subsection (1), in the definition of "designated judge".

(3) In the following provisions, for "Master of the Chancery Division" substitute "Master of the Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 76 (judicial oaths), in subsection (1)(c);

(b) Schedule 11 (judges etc barred from legal practice).

Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993

17.—(1) The Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (the offices which may be qualifying judicial offices)—

(a) in Part 1 (judges), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division";

(b) in Part 2 (other appointments, court officers), for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

(3) In Schedule 5 (retirement provisions: the relevant offices), for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division", in each place it occurs.

Employment Tribunals Act 1996

18. In section 5D of the Employment Tribunals Act 1996(**c**) (judicial assistance), in subsection (4)(b)(ia), for "or Family Division, or the Chancellor, of" substitute ", the Family Division or the Business and Property Division of".

Human Rights Act 1998

19. In section 4 of the Human Rights Act 1998(**d**) (declaration of incompatibility), in subsection (5)(f), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

(**a**) 1990 c. 41; section 1(9) was amended by paragraph 212 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). The definition of "designated judge" in section 119(1) was amended by paragraph 216 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**b**) 1993 c. 8; Schedule 1, Part 1 was amended by paragraph 229 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**c**) 1996 c. 17; section 5D(4)(b)(ia) was inserted by paragraph 12(6) of Schedule 14 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**d**) 1998 c. 42; section 4(5)(f) was inserted by paragraph 43 of Schedule 6 to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (c. 9) and amended by paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 14 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Access to Justice Act 1999

20. In section 56 of the Access to Justice Act 1999(**a**) (power to prescribe alternative destination of appeals), in subsection (4)(e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Land Registration Act 2002

21. In section 127 of the Land Registration Act 2002(**b**) (exercise of powers), in subsection (2)(a), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Courts Act 2003

22.—(1) The Courts Act 2003(**c**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the following provisions, for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 2 (court officers, staff and services), in subsection (7)(e);

(b) section 62 (Head and Deputy Head of Civil Justice), in subsection (4)(b)(i);

(c) section 64 (power to alter judicial titles), in subsections (2) and (4)(d);

(d) section 92 (fees), in subsection (5)(d);

(e) paragraph 12(4)(d) of Schedule 7 (enforcement of certain writs and warrants).

(3) In section 64 (power to alter judicial titles), in subsection (2)—

(a) for "Chief Chancery Master" substitute "Chief Master of the Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Master of the Chancery Division" substitute "Master of the Business and Property Division".

Constitutional Reform Act 2005

23.—(1) The Constitutional Reform Act 2005(**d**) is amended as follows.

(2) In the following provisions, for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 16 (functions of the Lord Chief Justice during vacancy or incapacity), in subsection (3)(d);

(b) section 52 (fees), in subsection (5)(i);

(**a**) 1999 c. 22; section 56(4)(e) was substituted by paragraph 280(2) of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**b**) 2002 c. 9; section 127(2)(a) was amended by paragraph 302(2) of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**c**) 2003 c. 39; section 2(7)(e) was substituted by paragraph 309(1) of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4) ("the 2005 Act"). Section 64(2) was amended by paragraphs 4 and 331 of Schedule 4 to the 2005 Act, paragraph 47 of Schedule 6 and Schedule 7 to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (c. 9), paragraph 14 of Schedule 11 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15), paragraph 40(b) of Schedule 9 and paragraph 89(2)(i) of Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), section 2(3) of the Courts and Tribunals (Judiciary and Functions of Staff) Act 2018 (c. 33) and paragraph 10 of the Schedule to S.I. 2018/130. Section 64(4)(d) was inserted by paragraph 331(4)(b) of Schedule 4 to the 2005 Act. Section 92(5)(d) was substituted by paragraph 345 of Schedule 4 to the 2005 Act. Paragraph 12(4)(d) of Schedule 7 was substituted by paragraph 351 of Schedule 4 to the 2005 Act. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**d**) 2005 c. 4; section 67(1) was amended by paragraph 56(a) of Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). Table 2 in Schedule 14 was amended by paragraph 29(3) of Schedule 13 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013, section 2(2) of the Courts and Tribunals (Judiciary and Functions of Staff) Act 2018 (c. 33) and paragraph 11 of the Schedule to S.I. 2018/130. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(c) section 60 (interpretation of Part 3), in subsection (1), in paragraph (i) of the definition of "the senior judges";

(d) section 67 (selection of Lord Chief Justice and Heads of Division), in subsection (1)(e);

(e) section 109 (disciplinary powers: interpretation), in subsection (5)(d);

(f) section 122 (interpretation of Part 4), in paragraph (d) of the definition of "Head of Division".

(3) In Schedule 4 (other functions of the Lord Chancellor and organisation of the courts)—

(a) in paragraph 1(1) and (2), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division";

(b) in paragraph 6, for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

(4) In Table 2 of Schedule 14 (the Judicial Appointments Commission: relevant offices and enactments)—

(a) for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Chief Chancery Master" substitute "Chief Master of the Business and Property Division".

Mental Capacity Act 2005

24. In section 46 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005(**a**) (the judges of the Court of Protection), in subsection (2)(b), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007

25. In section 6 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007(**b**) (certain judges who are also judges of the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal), in subsection (1)(ze), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division of the High Court".

Charities Act 2011

26. In section 115 of the Charities Act 2011(**c**) (proceedings by other persons), in subsection (5), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Crime and Courts Act 2013

27. In the following provisions of the Crime and Courts Act 2013(**d**), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division"—

(a) section 20 (judicial appointments);

(b) in Schedule 13 (judicial appointments)—

(i) paragraph 85, in the definition of "Head of Division";

(ii) paragraph 86.

(**a**) 2005 c. 9; section 46(2)(b) was amended by paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 14 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**b**) 2007 c. 15; section 6(1)(ze) was inserted by paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 14 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22). There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

(**c**) 2011 c. 25.

(**d**) 2013 c. 22.

Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022

28. In Schedule 3 to the Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022(**a**) (judicial offices), in Part 1—

(a) for "Deputy Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Deputy Master, Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

SCHEDULE 2

Article 4

Amendments to subordinate legislation

Public Trustee Rules 1912

1. In rule 15 of the Public Trustee Rules 1912(**b**), in paragraph (2)(a)—

(a) for "Chancery Division", substitute "Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Vice Chancellor", substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Rules 1951

2. In the following provisions of the Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Rules 1951(**c**), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division"—

(a) rule 12 (application for leave or for a declaratory order), in paragraph (4);

(b) rule 17 (service), in paragraph (6).

Pensions Increase (Judicial Pensions) Regulations 1972

3. In paragraphs 9(a) and 10(a) of the Schedule to the Pensions Increase (Judicial Pensions) Regulations 1972(**d**) (judicial pensions, together with tables giving multipliers), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975

4. In Part 4 of Schedule 1 to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975(**e**) (excepted professions, offices, employments, work and occupations), in the definition of "judges of the Supreme Court", for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Judicial Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) Order 1988

5. In Schedule 2 to the Judicial Pensions (Preservation of Benefits) Order 1988(**f**) (office), for "Master of the Supreme Court (Chancery Division)" substitute "Master of the Supreme Court (Business and Property Division)".

(**a**) 2022 c. 7.
(**b**) S.I. 1912/348; rule 15(2) was amended by rule 2(1)(b) of S.I. 1983/1050.
(**c**) S.I. 1951/1401.
(**d**) S.I. 1972/71; paragraph 9 was amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2007/1898 and paragraph 10 was inserted by Schedule 2 to S.I. 1974/984. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.
(**e**) S.I. 1975/1023; the definition of "judges of the Supreme Court" was inserted by article 8 of S.I. 2006/2143. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.
(**f**) S.I. 1988/1418; Schedule 2 was amended by paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2007/1898.

Judicial Pensions (Requisite Benefits) Order 1988

6. In Schedule 2 to the Judicial Pensions (Requisite Benefits) Order 1988(**a**) (office), for "Master of the Supreme Court (Chancery Division)" substitute "Master of the Supreme Court (Business and Property Division)".

London Government Reorganisation (Property etc) (No. 2) Order 1989

7. In article 9 of the London Government Reorganisation (Property etc.) (No. 2) Order 1989(**b**) (rights and liabilities), in paragraph (2)(b), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

West Yorkshire Residuary Body (Transfer of Property etc.) Order 1990

8. In article 5 of the West Yorkshire Residuary Body (Transfer of Property etc.) Order 1990(**c**) (transfer of proceedings), in paragraph (4), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006

9. In Schedule 1 to the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations 2006(**d**) (UNCITRAL Model Law on cross-border insolvency), in the text of article 4(1) (competent court), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Family Procedure Rules 2010

10. In rule 2.3(1) of the Family Procedure Rules 2010(**e**) (interpretation), in the definition of "judge", in paragraph (b)(v), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013

11. In regulation 2 of the Civil Legal Aid (Remuneration) Regulations 2013(**f**) (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of "judge of High Court judge level", in sub-paragraph (e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2013

12. In regulation 8 of the Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) Regulations 2013(**g**) (panels of members for tribunals), in paragraphs (2G)(a)(ii) and (2H)(b), for "or Family Division, or the Chancellor, of" substitute ", Family Division or Business and Property Division of".

(**a**) S.I. 1988/1420; Schedule 2 was amended by paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 2007/1898.
(**b**) S.I. 1989/1799.
(**c**) S.I. 1990/1024.
(**d**) S.I. 2006/1030.
(**e**) S.I. 2010/2955; the definition of "judge" in rule 2.3(1) was amended by rule 3(a)(iii) of S.I. 2014/667 and rule 3 of S.I. 2023/64. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.
(**f**) S.I. 2013/422; the definition of "judge of High Court judge level" was inserted by regulation 2(2)(d) of S.I. 2014/586. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.
(**g**) S.I. 2013/1237; paragraphs (2G) and (2H) were inserted by regulation 3(b) of S.I. 2020/1030. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.

Judicial Appointments Commission Regulations 2013

13. In regulation 13 of the Judicial Appointments Commission Regulations 2013(**a**) (panels), in paragraph (15)(d), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Civil Courts Order 2014

14.—(1) The Civil Courts Order 2014(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) In article 1 (commencement, citation and interpretation), omit paragraph (2).

(3) In article 2 (district registries of the High Court), omit paragraph (3).

(4) In the Schedule, omit "(Chancery)", in each place it occurs.

Family Court (Contempt of Court) (Powers) Regulations 2014

15. In regulation 2 of the Family Court (Contempt of Court) (Powers) Regulations 2014(**c**), in the definition of "judge of High Court judge level", in paragraph (e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014

16. In rule 2(1) of the Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014(**d**), in the definition of "judge of High Court judge level", in paragraph (e), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (Judicial Offices) Order 2015

17.—(1) The Public Service Pensions Act 2013 (Judicial Offices) Order 2015(**e**) is amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (specified judicial offices)—

(a) for "Deputy Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Deputy Master, Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

(3) In Schedule 2—

(a) for "Deputy Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Deputy Master, Business and Property Division";

(b) for "Master, Chancery Division" substitute "Master, Business and Property Division".

Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016

18. In the following provisions of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016(**f**), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division"—

(a) rule 10.122 (claim by mortgagee of land), in paragraph (6);

(**a**) S.I. 2013/2191.
(**b**) S.I. 2014/819; there are amendments to article 2, but none is relevant.
(**c**) S.I. 2014/833; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**d**) S.I. 2014/840; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**e**) S.I. 2015/580; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**f**) S.I. 2016/1024; there are amendments, but none is relevant.

(b) rule 12.59 (appeals and reviews of court orders in corporate insolvency), in paragraph (4), in the definition of "Master".

Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) Regulations 2017

19. In Schedule 1 to the Judicial Pensions (Fee-Paid Judges) Regulations 2017(**a**) (judicial offices), in table 3, for "Deputy Master of the Chancery Division" substitute "Deputy Master of the Business and Property Division".

Trade Secrets (Enforcement, etc.) Regulations 2018

20. In regulation 2 of the Trade Secrets (Enforcement, etc.) Regulations 2018(**b**) (interpretation), in the definition of "court", for paragraph (a) substitute—

"(a) in England and Wales, a County Court hearing centre specified in rule 63.13 of the Civil Procedure Rules 1998,".

Housing Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2018

21. In rule 4.41 of the Housing Administration (England and Wales) Rules 2018(**c**) (appeals and reviews of housing administrative orders), in paragraph (5), in the definition of "Master", for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division".

Prohibition of Cross-Examination in Person (Fees of Court-Appointed Qualified Legal Representatives) Regulations 2022

22. In regulation 1 of the Prohibition of Cross-Examination in Person (fees of Court-Appointed Qualified Legal Representatives) Regulations 2022(**d**) (citation, commencement, interpretation and extent), in paragraph (3), in the definition of "judge of High Court judge level", in sub-paragraph (f), for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division".

Judicial Offices (Sitting in Retirement - Prescribed Offices and Descriptions) Regulations 2022

23.—(1) The Judicial Offices (Sitting in Retirement - Prescribed Offices and Descriptions) Regulations 2022(**e**) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1 (persons eligible for appointment to a sitting in retirement office), in table 1—

(a) in row 11—

(i) in column 1 (sitting in retirement office), for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division";

(ii) in column 2 (prescribed office(s)), after "Deputy Master, Chancery Division" insert ", Deputy Master, Business and Property Division";

(b) in rows 18 and 20, in column 2, for "Chancellor of the High Court" substitute "President of the Business and Property Division";

(**a**) S.I. 2017/522; table 3 was substituted by regulation 66 of S.I. 2023/403. There are other amendments, but none is relevant.
(**b**) S.I. 2018/597.
(**c**) S.I. 2018/719; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**d**) S.I. 2022/567; there are amendments, but none is relevant.
(**e**) S.I. 2022/798.

(c) in row 21—

(i) in column 1, for "Chancery Division" substitute "Business and Property Division";

(ii) in column 2, after "Chief Chancery Master" insert ", Master, Business and Property Division, Chief Master of the Business and Property Division".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order in Council)

This Order transfers the Admiralty Court and Commercial Court from the King's Bench Division of the High Court, to the Chancery Division. This Order renames the "Chancery Division" as the "Business and Property Division" in consequence of this transfer. Article 2 of this Order amends the Senior Courts Act 1981 to effect this transfer and renaming. Article 2 also renames the title of the head of the Chancery Division, in consequence of the renaming of the Chancery Division.

Articles 3 and 4 give effect to the Schedules, which contain amendments to primary and secondary legislation in consequence of the transfer and renaming by article 2.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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