



Civil Procedure Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 12

Civil Justice Council

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(1) The Lord Chancellor is to establish and maintain an advisory body, to be known as the Civil Justice Council.

(2) The Council must include—

- (a) members of the judiciary,
- (b) members of the legal professions,
- (c) civil servants concerned with the administration of the courts,
- (d) persons with experience in and knowledge of consumer affairs,
- (e) persons with experience in and knowledge of the lay advice sector, and
- (f) persons able to represent the interests of particular kinds of litigants (for example, businesses or employees).

[^{F1}(2A) The Lord Chancellor must decide the following questions, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice—

- (a) how many members of the Council are to be drawn from each of the groups mentioned in subsection (2);
- (b) how many other members the Council is to have.

(2B) It is for—

- (a) the Lord Chief Justice to appoint members of the judiciary to the Council, after consulting the Lord Chancellor;
- (b) the Lord Chancellor to appoint other persons to the Council.]

(3) The functions of the Council are to include—

- (a) keeping the civil justice system under review,
- (b) considering how to make the civil justice system more accessible, fair and efficient,
- (c) advising the Lord Chancellor and the judiciary on the development of the civil justice system,

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- (d) referring proposals for changes in the civil justice system to the Lord Chancellor and the Civil Procedure Rule Committee, and
 - (e) making proposals for research.
- (4) The Lord Chancellor may reimburse the members of the Council their travelling and out-of-pocket expenses.
- [^{F2}(5) 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

- F1** S. 6(2A)(2B) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 268(2)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(v)
- F2** S. 6(5) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15, 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 268(3)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11(v)

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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. 1(4) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 3(3)(4) substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(2\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(5) words substituted by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(3\)](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(6) words repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(4\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 3(7) repealed by [2005 c. 4 Sch. 4 para. 265\(5\)Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#) (This amendment is made to s. 3 as prospectively amended by 2003 c. 39, s. 85(2). Although it is in force at 3.4.2006 by S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 paras. 11(v), 30(b), it cannot be applied until the substitution of s. 3 has been brought into force)
- s. 5(7) inserted by [2022 c. 35 Sch. 4 para. 2\(3\)](#)