



# Legal Services Act 2007

## 2007 CHAPTER 29

### PART 8

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ABOUT LAWYERS ETC

##### *Other lawyers*

#### **181 Unqualified person not to pretend to be a barrister**

- (1) It is an offence for a person who is not a barrister—
  - (a) wilfully to pretend to be a barrister, or
  - (b) with the intention of implying falsely that that person is a barrister to take or use any name, title or description.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>the general limit in a magistrates' court] or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (3) In relation to an offence under subsection (1) committed before [<sup>F2</sup>2 May 2022], the reference in subsection (2)(a) to [<sup>F3</sup>the general limit in a magistrates' court] is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 181(2)(a) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table
- F2** Words in s. 181(3) substituted (28.4.2022) by [The Criminal Justice Act 2003 \(Commencement No. 33\) and Sentencing Act 2020 \(Commencement No. 2\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/500\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(1)**, **Sch. Pt. 1**

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**F3** Words in s. 181(3) substituted (7.2.2023 at 12.00 p.m.) by [The Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 \(Magistrates' Court Sentencing Powers\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/149\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1** table

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