
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 3257 (L. 33)

SENIOR COURTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The High Court (Distribution of Business) Order 2014

Made - - - - *8th December 2014*
Laid before Parliament *11th December 2014*
Coming into force - - *6th April 2015*

The Lord Chief Justice makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 61(3) of the Senior Courts Act 1981(1).

This Order is made with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 61(3) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 and with the concurrence of the President of the Queen's Bench Division and of the President of the Family Division in accordance with section 61(5) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the High Court (Distribution of Business) Order 2014 and comes into force on 6th April 2015.

Assignment of business to the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court

2. All applications for writs of habeas corpus, except applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor, are assigned to the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court.

Assignment of business to the Family Division of the High Court

3. All applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor are assigned to the Family Division of the High Court.

Amendments to Schedule 1 to the Senior Courts Act 1981

4. In Schedule 1 to the Senior Courts Act 1981(2)—

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- (1) [1981 c.54](#). Section 61(3) was amended by paragraph 129(2) of Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Constitutional Reform Act [2005 \(c.4\)](#).
- (2) Schedule 1 was amended by section 5 of the Marriage (Prohibited Degrees of Relationship) Act [1986 \(c.16\)](#), paragraph 26 of Schedule 1 to the Family Law Act [1986 \(c.55\)](#), Schedule 4 to the Family Law Reform Act [1987 \(c.42\)](#), paragraph 28(3) of Schedule 7 to the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act [1988 \(c.48\)](#), paragraph 9 of Schedule 11 and paragraph 45(3) of Schedule 13 to the Children Act [1989 \(c.41\)](#), paragraph 51 of Schedule 8 to the Family Law Act [1996 \(c.27\)](#), paragraph 1 of Schedule 12 to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act [1999 \(c.30\)](#), paragraph 70 of Schedule 27 to the Civil Partnership Act [2004 \(c.33\)](#), paragraph 10 of the Schedule to the Prevention of Terrorism Act [2005 \(c.2\)](#), paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the

(a) for paragraph 2(a), substitute—

“(a) “(a) applications for writs of habeas corpus, except applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor;”; and

(b) in paragraph 3, after sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) “(aa) applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor;”.

3rd December 2014

Thomas of Cwmgiedd
Lord Chief Justice

I concur,

8th December 2014

Simon Hughes
Minister of State
Ministry of Justice

I concur,

3rd December 2014

Sir Brian Leveson
President of the Queen’s Bench Division

I concur,

3rd December 2014

Sir James Munby
President of the Family Division

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order assigns to the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court all applications for writs of habeas corpus, except applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor, and assigns to Family Division of the High Court all applications for a writ of habeas corpus for release relating to a minor. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 1 to the Senior Courts Act 1981 (c.54) are amended consequentially.