



# Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 41

### PART I

#### PROCEDURE ETC. IN CIVIL COURTS

##### *Miscellaneous*

#### **11 Representation in certain county court [<sup>F1</sup>and family court] cases.**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may [<sup>F2</sup>, with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice,] by order provide that there shall be no restriction on the persons who may exercise rights of audience, or rights to conduct litigation, in relation to proceedings in [<sup>F3</sup>the county court] of such a kind as may be specified in the order.
- (2) The power to make an order may only be exercised in relation to proceedings—
  - (a) for the recovery of amounts due under contracts for the supply of goods or services;
  - (b) for the enforcement of any judgment or order of any court or the recovery of any sum due under any such judgment or order;
  - (c) on any application under the <sup>M1</sup>Consumer Credit Act 1974;
  - (d) in relation to domestic premises; or
  - [<sup>F4</sup>(e) dealt with as a small claim in accordance with rules of court,]or any category (determined by reference to such criteria as the Lord Chancellor considers appropriate) of such proceedings.
- (3) Where an order is made under this section, section 20 of the <sup>M2</sup>Solicitors Act 1974 (unqualified person not to act as solicitor) shall cease to apply in relation to proceedings of the kind specified in the order.
- (4) Where [<sup>F3</sup>the county court] is of the opinion that a person who would otherwise have a right of audience by virtue of an order under this section is behaving in an unruly manner in any proceedings, it may refuse to hear him in those proceedings.

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- (5) Where [<sup>F5</sup>the county court] exercises its power under subsection (4), it shall specify the conduct which warranted its refusal.
- (6) Where, in any proceedings in [<sup>F3</sup>the county court]—
- (a) a person is exercising a right of audience or a right to conduct litigation;
  - (b) he would not be entitled to do so were it not for an order under this section; and
  - (c) the judge has reason to believe that (in those or any other proceedings in which he has exercised a right of audience or a right to conduct litigation) that person has intentionally misled the court, or otherwise demonstrated that he is unsuitable to exercise that right,
- the judge may order that person’s disqualification from exercising any right of audience or any right to conduct litigation in proceedings in [<sup>F6</sup>the county court].
- (7) Where a judge makes an order under subsection (6) he shall give his reasons for so doing.
- (8) Any person against whom such an order is made may appeal to the Court of Appeal.
- (9) Any such order may be revoked at any time by any judge of [<sup>F3</sup>the county court].
- [<sup>F7</sup>(9A) This section applies in relation to the family court as it applies in relation to the county court.]
- (10) <sup>F8</sup> .....
- (11) In this section “domestic premises” means any premises which are wholly or mainly used as a private dwelling.
- [<sup>F9</sup>(12) 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 subsection (1) or (2).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 11 title inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 76\(8\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F2** Words in s. 11(1) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(1), 148, [Sch. 4 para. 214\(2\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11
- F3** Words in s. 11 substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 33\(2\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F4** S. 11(2)(e) substituted (26.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/1217, [art. 3](#)
- F5** Words in s. 11(5) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 33\(3\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F6** Words in s. 11(6) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 33\(4\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F7** S. 11(9A) inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 76\(8\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2014/954, art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in S.I. 2014/956, arts. 3-11)
- F8** S. 11(10) repealed (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(1), 146, 148, Sch. 4 para. 214(3), [Sch. 18 Pt. 2](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 paras. 11, 30

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**F9** S. 11(12) inserted (3.4.2006) by Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4), ss. 15(1), 148, **Sch. 4 para. 214(4)**; S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 11

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** S. 11 restricted (26.4.1999) by S.I. 1998/3132, **rule 27.14(4)**

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1974 c. 39.

**M2** 1974 c. 47.

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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. 58A(2)(fe) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 53](#)