



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 6

JUDGES

Flexibility in deployment of judicial resources

65 District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) as Crown Court judges etc.

- (1) In section 8(1) of the 1981 Act (persons who are judges of the Crown Court), in paragraph (b) for “or Recorder” substitute “, Recorder or District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) ”.
- (2) Schedule 4 contains amendments conferring functions on District Judges (Magistrates' Courts).
- (3) References in any enactment, instrument or other document to a district judge or deputy district judge do not include—
 - (a) a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts), or
 - (b) a Deputy District Judge (Magistrates' Courts).

66 Judges having powers of District Judges (Magistrates' Courts)

- (1) Every holder of a judicial office specified in subsection (2) has the powers of a justice of the peace who is a District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) in relation to—
 - (a) criminal causes and matters, and
 - (b) family proceedings as defined by section 65 of the 1980 Act.
- (2) The offices are—
 - (a) judge of the High Court;
 - (b) deputy judge of the High Court;
 - (c) Circuit judge;
 - (d) deputy Circuit judge;

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- (e) recorder.
- (3) For the purposes of section 45 of the 1933 Act, every holder of a judicial office specified in subsection (2) is qualified to sit as a member of a youth court.
- (4) For the purposes of section 67 of the 1980 Act—
 - (a) a judge of the High Court or a deputy judge of the High Court is qualified to sit as a member of a family proceedings court to hear family proceedings of any description, and
 - (b) a Circuit judge, deputy Circuit judge or recorder is qualified to sit as a member of a family proceedings court to hear family proceedings of any description if he has been nominated to do so by the President of the Family Division.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 66](#) partly in force; [s. 66](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 110\(1\)\(2\)](#); [s. 66\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)\(3\)](#) in force at 26.1.2004 by [S.I. 2003/3345](#), [art. 2\(a\)\(iv\)](#)

67 Removal of restriction on Circuit judges sitting on certain appeals

Section 56A of the 1981 Act (Circuit judges not to sit on certain appeals) ceases to have effect.

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