



# Courts Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 39

### PART 7

#### PROCEDURE RULES AND PRACTICE DIRECTIONS

#### *Criminal Procedure Rules and practice directions*

#### **69 Criminal Procedure Rules**

- (1) There are to be rules of court (to be called “Criminal Procedure Rules”) governing the practice and procedure to be followed in the criminal courts.
- (2) Criminal Procedure Rules are to be made by a committee known as the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee.
- (3) The power to make Criminal Procedure Rules includes power to make different provision for different cases or different areas, including different provision—
  - (a) for a specified court or description of courts, or
  - (b) for specified descriptions of proceedings or a specified jurisdiction.
- (4) Any power to make or alter Criminal Procedure Rules is to be exercised with a view to securing that—
  - (a) the criminal justice system is accessible, fair and efficient, and
  - (b) the rules are both simple and simply expressed.