



Administration of Justice Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 31

PART I

COURTS AND JUDGES

High Court

1 Redistribution of business among divisions of the High Court.

(1) ^{F1}

(6) In accordance with the foregoing subsections—

- (a) the enactments specified in Schedule 2 to this Act (^{F2}that is to say, the said Act of 1925 and other] enactments relative to the High Court, its jurisdiction, judges, divisions and business) shall be amended as shown in that Schedule; and
- (b) references in any other enactment or document to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, the President of that division, the principal probate registry, the principal (or senior) probate registrar and a probate registrar shall, so far as may be necessary to preserve the effect of the enactment or document, be construed respectively as references to the Family Division and to the President, principal registry, principal registrar and a registrar of that division.

(7) ^{F1}

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1(1)–(4), (5), (7)(8), 2(1)–(3), (4) 3, 5, 6, 9, 45(3), Sch. 1 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), Sch. 7

F2 Words “that is” to “other” repealed (E.W.), by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), [Sch. 7](#)

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2 Admiralty Court.

- (1) F3
- (5) F4

Textual Amendments

F3 Ss. 1(1)–(4), (5), (7)(8), 2(1)–(3), (4) 3, 5, 6, 9, 45(3), Sch. 1 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981](#) (c. 54, SIF 37),s. 152(4), Sch. 7

F4 S. 2(5) repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977(c. 18), s. 1(1), Sch. 1 Pt.XIX

3 Commercial Court.

- F5

Textual Amendments

F5 Ss. 1(1)–(4), (5), (7)(8), 2(1)–(3), (4) 3, 5, 6, 9, 45(3), Sch. 1 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981](#) (c. 54, SIF 37),s. 152(4), Sch. 7

4 Power of judges of Commercial Court to take arbitrations.

- (1) A judge of the Commercial Court may, if in all the circumstances he thinks fit, accept appointment as sole arbitrator, or as umpire, by or by virtue of an arbitration agreement within the meaning of the ^{M1}Arbitration Act 1950, where the dispute appears to him to be of a commercial character.
- (2) A judge of the Commercial Court shall not accept appointment as arbitrator or umpire unless the Lord Chief Justice has informed him that, having regard to the state of business in the High Court and [^{F6}in the Crown Court], he can be made available to do so.
- (3) The fees payable for the services of a judge as arbitrator or umpire shall be taken in the High Court.
- (4) Schedule 3 to this Act shall have effect for modifying, and in certain cases replacing, provisions of the Arbitration Act 1950 in relation to arbitration by judges and, in particular, for substituting the Court of Appeal for the High Court in provisions of that Act whereby arbitrators and umpires, their proceedings and awards, are subject to control and review by the court.
- (5) Any jurisdiction which is exercisable by the High Court in relation to arbitrators and umpires otherwise than under the Arbitration Act 1950 shall, in relation to a judge of the Commercial Court appointed as arbitrator or umpire, be exercisable instead by the Court of Appeal.

Textual Amendments

F6 Words substituted by [Courts Act 1971](#) (c. 23), **Sch. 8 para. 60(1)**

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 4(5) modified by [Arbitration Act 1979 \(c. 42, SIF 5\)](#), s. 5(3)

Marginal Citations

M1 1950 c. 27.

5 **F7**

Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 1(1)–(4), (5), (7)(8), 2(1)–(3), (4) 3, 5, 6, 9, 45(3), Sch. 1 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), Sch. 7

6 **F8**

Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 1(1)–(4), (5), (7)(8), 2(1)–(3), (4) 3, 5, 6, 9, 45(3), Sch. 1 repealed by [Supreme Court Act 1981 \(c. 54, SIF 37\)](#), s. 152(4), Sch. 7

7–8. **F9**

Textual Amendments

F9 Ss.7&8 repealed by [Courts Act 1971 \(c. 23, SIF 37\)](#), s.56(4), **Sch. 11 Pt.IV**

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