



Supreme Court Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 54

PART II

JURISDICTION

THE HIGH COURT

General jurisdiction

19 General jurisdiction of High Court

- (1) The High Court shall be a superior court of record.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, there shall be exercisable by the High Court—
 - (a) all such jurisdiction (whether civil or criminal) as is conferred on it by this or any other Act; and
 - (b) all such other jurisdiction (whether civil or criminal) as was exercisable by it immediately before the commencement of this Act (including jurisdiction conferred on a judge of the High Court by any statutory provision).
- (3) Any jurisdiction of the High Court shall be exercised only by a single judge of that court, except in so far as it is—
 - (a) by or by virtue of rules of court or any other statutory provision required to be exercised by a divisional court; or
 - (b) by rules of court made exercisable by a master, registrar or other officer of the court, or by any other person.
- (4) The specific mention elsewhere in this Act of any jurisdiction covered by subsection (2) shall not derogate from the generality of that subsection.