



# Supreme Court Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 54

### PART VI

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

##### *Supplementary*

#### **151 Interpretation of this Act, and rules of construction for other Acts and documents**

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

" action " means any civil proceedings commenced by writ or in any other manner prescribed by rules of court;

" appeal ", in the context of appeals to the civil division of the Court of Appeal, includes—

(a) an application for a new trial, and

(b) an application to set aside a verdict, finding or judgment in any cause or matter in the High Court which has been tried, or in which any issue has been tried, by a jury;

" cause " means any action or any criminal proceedings;

" Division ", where it appears with a capital letter, means a division of the High Court;

" judgment " includes a decree;

" jurisdiction " includes powers;

" matter " means any proceedings in court not in a cause ;

" party ", in relation to any proceedings, includes any person who pursuant to or by virtue of rules of court or any other statutory provision has been served with notice of, or has intervened in, those proceedings;

" prescribed " means—

(a) except in relation to fees, prescribed by rules of court; and

(b) in relation to fees, prescribed by an order under section 130;

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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"senior judge", where the reference is to the senior judge of a Division, means—

- (a) in the case of the Chancery Division, the Vice Chancellor ;
- (b) in any other case, the president of the Division in question;

" solicitor " means a solicitor of the Supreme Court;

" statutory provision" means any enactment, whenever passed, or any provision contained in subordinate legislation (as defined in section 21(1) of the Interpretation Act 1978), whenever made ;

" this or any other Act" includes an Act passed after this Act.

- (2) Section 128 contains definitions of expressions used in Part V and in the other provisions of this Act relating to probate causes and matters.
- (3) Any reference in this Act to rules of court under section 84 includes a reference to rules of court under any provision of this or any other Act which confers on the Supreme Court Rule Committee or the Crown Court Rule Committee power to make rules of court.
- (4) Except where the context otherwise requires, in this or any other Act—
  - " Criminal Appeal Rules " means rules of court made by the Crown Court Rule Committee in relation to the criminal division of the Court of Appeal;
  - " Crown Court Rules " means rules of court made by the Crown Court Rule Committee in relation to the Crown Court;
  - " divisional court" (with or without capital letters) means a divisional court constituted under section 66 ; " judge of the Supreme Court" means—
    - (a) a judge of the Court of Appeal other than an ex-officio judge within paragraph (b) or (c) of section 2(2), or
    - (b) a judge of the High Court,and accordingly does not include, as such, a judge of the Crown Court;
  - "official referees' business" has the meaning given by section 68(6);
  - " Rules of the Supreme Court" means rules of court made by the Supreme Court Rule Committee.
- (5) The provisions of Schedule 4 (construction of references to superseded courts and officers) shall have effect