



Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 41

PART III

JUDICIAL AND OTHER OFFICES AND JUDICIAL PENSIONS

Judges

73 Delegation of certain administrative functions of Master of the Rolls.

- (1) Where the Master of the Rolls expects to be absent at a time when it may be appropriate for any relevant functions of his to be exercised, he may appoint a judge of the [^{F1}Senior Courts] to exercise those functions on his behalf.
- (2) Where the Master of the Rolls considers that it would be inappropriate for him to exercise any such functions in connection with a particular matter (because of a possible conflict of interests or for any other reason), he may appoint a judge of the [^{F1}Senior Courts] to exercise those functions on his behalf in connection with that matter.
- (3) Where the Master of the Rolls is incapable of exercising his relevant functions, the [^{F2}Lord Chief Justice may, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor,] appoint a judge of the [^{F1}Senior Courts] to exercise, on behalf of the Master of the Rolls, such of those functions as the [^{F3}Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor consider] appropriate.
- (4) Any appointment under this section shall be in writing and shall specify—
 - (a) the functions which may be exercised by the appointed judge; and
 - (b) the period for which the appointment is to have effect.
- (5) In this section “relevant functions” means any functions of the Master of the Rolls under—
 - (a) section 144A of the ^{M1}Law of Property Act 1922 (functions in relation to manorial documents);
 - (b) section 7(1) of the ^{M2}Public Records Act 1958 (power to determine where records of the Chancery of England are to be deposited);

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(c) the ^{M3}Solicitors Act 1974 (which gives the Master of the Rolls various functions in relation to solicitors);

(d) ^{F4}

[^{F5}(6) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate a judicial office holder (as defined in section 109(4) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005) to exercise his functions under subsection (3).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 73 substituted (1.1.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 59, 148, [Sch. 11 para. 4](#); S.I. 2009/1604, [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 73(3) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(1), 148, [Sch. 4 para. 215\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11
- F3** Words in s. 73(3) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(1), 148, [Sch. 4 para. 215\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11
- F4** S. 73(5)(d) repealed (1.1.2010) by [Legal Services Act 2007 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 210, 211, [Sch. 23](#) (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, [art. 2\(i\)\(viii\)\(ff\)](#) (with art. 9)
- F5** S. 73(6) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15(1), 148, [Sch. 4 para. 215\(3\)](#); S.I. 2006/1014, [art. 2\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 para. 11
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1922 c. 16.
- M2** 1958 c. 51.
- M3** 1974 c. 47.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58A(2)(fe) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 53](#)