



# Access to Justice Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 22

### PART I

#### LEGAL SERVICES COMMISSION

##### *Commission*

#### **1 Legal Services Commission.**

- (1) There shall be a body known as the Legal Services Commission (in this Part referred to as “the Commission”).
- (2) The Commission shall have the functions relating to—
  - (a) the Community Legal Service, and
  - (b) the Criminal Defence Service,which are conferred or imposed on it by the provisions of this Act or any other enactment.
- (3) The Commission shall consist of—
  - (a) not fewer than seven members, and
  - (b) not more than twelve members;but the [<sup>F1</sup> Secretary of State] may by order substitute for either or both of the numbers for the time being specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) such other number or numbers as he thinks appropriate.
- (4) The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the [<sup>F1</sup> Secretary of State] ; and the [<sup>F1</sup> Secretary of State] shall appoint one of the members to chair the Commission.
- (5) In appointing persons to be members of the Commission the [<sup>F1</sup> Secretary of State] shall have regard to the desirability of securing that the Commission includes members who (between them) have experience in or knowledge of—
  - (a) the provision of services which the Commission can fund as part of the Community Legal Service or Criminal Defence Service,

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- (b) the work of the courts,
- (c) consumer affairs,
- (d) social conditions, and
- (e) management.

(6) Schedule 1 (which makes further provision about the Commission) has effect.

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**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words in s. 1 substituted (19.8.2003) by [The Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/1887\)](#), **art. 9** {Sch. 2 para. 11(1)(a)}

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