



# Constitutional Reform Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 4

### PART 4

#### JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS AND DISCIPLINE

### CHAPTER 2

#### APPOINTMENTS

#### *Lords Justices of Appeal*

### **83 Exercise of powers to reject or require reconsideration**

- (1) The power of the Lord Chancellor under section 82 to reject a selection at stage 1 or 2 is exercisable only on the grounds that, in the Lord Chancellor's opinion, the person selected is not suitable for the office concerned.
- (2) The power of the Lord Chancellor under section 82 to require the selection panel to reconsider a selection at stage 1 or 2 is exercisable only on the grounds that, in the Lord Chancellor's opinion—
  - (a) there is not enough evidence that the person is suitable for the office concerned, or
  - (b) there is evidence that the person is not the best candidate on merit.
- (3) The Lord Chancellor must give the selection panel reasons in writing for rejecting or requiring reconsideration of a selection.