
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3132

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

[^{F1}PART 81

**APPLICATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS IN
RELATION TO CONTEMPT OF COURT**

[^{F1}Hearings and judgments in contempt proceedings

81.8.—(1) In accordance with rule 39.2, all hearings of contempt proceedings shall, irrespective of the parties' consent, be listed and heard in public unless the court otherwise directs.

(2) Advocates and the judge shall appear robed in all hearings of contempt proceedings, whether or not the court sits in public.

(3) Before deciding to sit in private for all or part of the hearing, the court shall notify the national print and broadcast media, via the Press Association.

(4) The court shall consider any submissions from the parties or media organisations before deciding whether and if so to what extent the hearing should be in private.

(5) If the court decides to sit in private it shall, before doing so, sit in public to give a reasoned public judgment setting out why it is doing so.

(6) At the conclusion of the hearing, whether or not held in private, the court shall sit in public to give a reasoned public judgment stating its findings and any punishment.

(7) The court shall inform the defendant of the right to appeal without permission, the time limit for appealing and the court before which any appeal must be brought.

(8) The court shall be responsible for ensuring that judgments in contempt proceedings are transcribed and published on the website of the judiciary of England and Wales.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Pt. 81 substituted (1.10.2020) by [The Civil Procedure \(Amendment No. 3\) Rules 2020 \(S.I. 2020/747\)](#), rule 1(1), [Sch.](#)

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 81.8.