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**2007 No. 2621 (L. 26)**

**MAGISTRATES' COURTS, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees  
and Right to Preside) (Amendment) Rules 2007**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>6th September 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>7th September 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st October 2007</i>

The Senior Presiding Judge (the judicial office holder nominated by the Lord Chief Justice) makes the following Rules, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 19(1) and (2) of the Courts Act 2003(a), and after consultation with the Lord Chancellor, the Criminal Procedure Rule Committee, the Family Procedure Rule Committee and the Magistrates' Courts Rule Committee in accordance with section 20(2) of that Act:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) (Amendment) Rules 2007 and shall come into force on 1st October 2007.

**Amendments to the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007**

2. The Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007(b) are amended in accordance with rule 3.

3. In rule 7—

(1) for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) In this rule, “previous chairman” means a family justice who has held office as chairman of a family panel established under these Rules.”;

(2) in paragraph (4) omit “, or of an outgoing panel or combined outgoing panel,”; and

(3) after paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) For the purposes of this rule no periods of office held as chairman or deputy chairman, as the case may be, of an outgoing panel or combined outgoing panel shall be taken into account in determining eligibility for re-election as chairman or deputy chairman.”.

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(a) 2003 c.39; section 19 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4), Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 308 and 320; section 20 was amended by the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4), Schedule 4, Part 1, paragraphs 308 and 321.  
(b) S.I. 2007/1610.

6th September 2007

*Leveson LJ*  
Senior Presiding Judge

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These Rules amend rule 7 of the Family Proceedings Courts (Constitution of Committees and Right to Preside) Rules 2007 (“the 2007 Rules”). The amendments provide that for the purposes of re-election as chairman or deputy chairman to a family panel under the 2007 Rules, any periods of office held as a chairman or deputy chairman of an outgoing panel or combined outgoing panel shall not be taken into account.

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