# Abolishing the Office of Lord Chancellor

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This article argues for the abolition of the office of Lord Chancelllor and the transfer of all his judicial responsibilities to the LCJ, with other responsibilities being transferred to ministers or to the Achbishop of Canterbury, in the case of matters relating to the Church of England.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The office of Lord Chancellor ('LC') is an old and venerable one. Probably, it existed before the Norman Conquest (1066). The LC was the closest government official to the sovereign himself and his most trustworthy confidant. In particular, it is likely that the LC was in ultimate control of financial and legal matters. In the case of the latter (probably) he held the Great Seal of England by which the sovereign executed legal state documents as such (i.e. *qua* sovereign).<sup>1</sup>

Moving down the centuries - by the 20<sup>th</sup> century - the role of the LC may be described as a politico-legal one. He sat in cabinet and, thus, his role was a political one. He also sat as speaker of the House of Lords - being the 'link' between the sovereign and that house ('hus', legislative chamber).<sup>2</sup> As importantly, the LC was head of the judiciary. Yet, retaining these distinct roles became increasingly strained. Not least, because *Parliament* is quite distinct from government. It is the supreme legislative assembly to which government is accountable; it is not part of government. Also, the *judiciary* are quite distinct from government. They uphold the rule of law and comprise a separate pillar of the constitution. They are not - and should never be - subject to government. Given this anomalous situation, it was appropriate that the government, in 2005, considered the office of LC and whether it was still needed. However, the way things were handled was very poor. *What should have happened?* 

- The office of LC should have been abolished and any *ecclesiastical functions* relating to the Church of England (the 'CoE') should have passed to the Archbishop of Canterbury (or designate);
- All other functions of the LC should have been analysed. All *functions of a judicial nature* such as the ability of the LC to appoint judges and members of legal tribunals should have passed to the Lord Chief Justice ('LCJ') or designate. *Why*? Because these comprise judicial functions in respect of which it is essential that the holder be a lawyer. And, that they be wholly impartial;
- Other functions such as the LC being involved in judicial pension schemes or making rules should have been reviewed since, in many cases, it was more appropriate for the person to be a minister (including the Justice Minister). In other words, these did not have such a judicial content that it was essential for the LCJ to be involved;
- Consideration should have been given to the abolition of the *UK Great Seal*. It is an anachronism<sup>3</sup> since the sovereign is a formal (i.e. a non-executive) head of State. Further, there is little (or no) accountability to Parliament for the use of the UK Great Seal unlike Statutory Instruments ('SI's')<sup>4</sup> which must pass before Parliament. Even if retained, responsibility for sealing should have passed to the Justice Minister<sup>5</sup> (or other ministers) since the documents required to be sealed are *government* (political) acts.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Likely, even then, the sovereign had a former of privy (privy) seal or signet, used for personal correspondence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That is, the LC was appointed by the sovereign in early times.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The seal was required because sovereigns were, often, illiterate and could not even sign their own name. Recent sovereigns - since Henry VIII (1509-47), at least - have such an ability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> SI's took over from *proclamations* which constituted quasi-legislation issued by the sovereign alone to which the Great Seal was attached. However - by the early 17<sup>th</sup> century - they became (effectively) defunct since it was held by caselaw (the *Case of Proclamations (1611)*), that the sovereign could not change the law. After 1717 - when George I (1714-27) no longer sat in Cabinet - proclamations were, effectively, issued by the government. Today, they are of no real legal worth and it would be better if they were called '*Royal Notices*', since - these days - they merely record factual events (royal marriages, births, deaths *etc*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> I use this as a short form to refer to the Secretary of State for Justice.

As it is, what happened in 2005 was a half-way house and it has proved unsatisfactory because it is unclear. In 2005, the intention of the government was to abolish the office of the LC and simply retain that of the Justice Minister. However, the judiciary were (understandably) concerned that - what had been a juridico-legal office in the past - would, then, become a wholly political one, with the result that judges were, effectively, employees of the state. Thus, the office was retained - but in an unsatisfactory way. The relevant legislation - the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (the '2005 Act'), Sch 7 - listed various protected functions of the LC. That is, ones which could only be removed by means of the means of amending legislation. However, there was no list of the other functions of the LC's office, such as to enable a review of its ambits. If there had been, it would have disclosed that all the main functions of the LC had, actually, been listed - save in respect of the CoE.

We are now in the year 2022 (some 17 years on from 2005) and it is asserted that it is time to abolish the office of LC and to properly allocate to the LCJ all functions which - due to this his being head of the judiciary (and, now, tribunals) - are appropriate to be held by him (or a designate). As to the allocation of functions, it is suggested that this is, actually, quite simple since it involves analysing the Acts cited in the 2005 Act, Sch 7.

### 2. UK GREAT SEAL

The law on this has been analysed in a prior article.<sup>8</sup> The use of the Great Seal is governed by the *common law* and by *legislation*.

### (1) Common Law - Obligation to Use the Great Seal

- In the case of the *common law*, it (probably) now only applies to the execution of Crown grants relating to:
  - (a) freehold interests in Crown Estate land;
  - (b) chattels real (being restricted to certain Crown leases these days);
  - (c) the grant of honours (e.g. hereditary peerages etc);<sup>9</sup>
  - (d) the grant of franchises (also, called liberties) (obs).
- That said in practice both (a) and (b) are subject to a number of exceptions, such that the Great Seal is not needed in most instances. More importantly, since 1760, the sovereign has not been in charge of the Crown Estate. Thus, the purpose behind the requirement to use the Great Seal has gone<sup>10</sup> since the sovereign cannot interfere with the same (i.e. dispose of Crown land):<sup>11</sup>
- As for (c), hereditary peerages are no longer granted by the sovereign save in respect of members of the royal family. And, it does not apply to life peerages which are governed by legislation;
- As for (d), all franchising of Crown prerogatives ('CP's'), post-1702, are rare (if at all). Thus, it is obsolete.

Further, there is no reason why all of the above - if still required - cannot be granted by means of a SI (since there is, then, much more accountability to Parliament) or under the sign manual (i.e. the royal signature).

### (2) Statutory Obligation to Use the Great Seal

As for *legislation*, the Union with Scotland Act 1706, art 24 (and its Scots counterpart, the Union with Scotland Act 1707), provides for the UK Great Seal to be used for:

- (a) sealing writs to elect (and summon) the Parliament of Great Britain;
- (b) sealing treaties with foreign princes and states;
- (c) all public acts, instruments and orders of state which concern the whole of the UK;
- (d) all other matters relating to England in which the Great Seal was used prior to 1706 (see above).

As to these, today, in the case of:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Their concern seems well founded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> It is suggested that - in most cases - powers of appointment can be allocated to another senior judge since the office of LCJ is an onerous one already, with so many responsibilities. Also, most judges are now, effectively, appointed by commissions, with the LCJ's role simply being a forrmal one to confirm this. That said, the formal appointment of judges (i.e. signing letters of appointment - as well as those relating to incapacity and dismissal for misconduct) should be undertaken under the personal signature of the LCJ. Also, it may be noted, the LCJ should be recognised as a corporation sole, the *holder of office* being the appointer of other judges *etc* - and not the *individual* in person.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See GS McBain, Modernising the Monarchy - In Legal Terms: Part 5 (2014) 25 King's Law Journal, pp 440-466.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> In practice, these are only granted to the members of the royal family these days; and no new types of hereditary peerages are granted, see GS McBain, *Modernising the Constitution - A Crown Act* (2021) Int. Law Research, vol 10, p 30. Ibid, *Modernising the Constitution - A Constitution Act* (2022) LR, vol 11, p 278.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> It was required to stop sovereigns *pre*-1702 (Crown Lands Act 1702) disposing of the Crown Estate secretly (or granting long leases). As it is, even with such a requirement, sovereigns (often) did the same and the courts did not stop them because of the sovereign's power.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> In the case of private land held by the sovereign pursuant to the Crown Private Estate Act 1800, the Great Seal is not required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> After 1688, the sovereign was financed by way of a civil list. Thus, there was no need for the same to franchise Crown prerogatives in order to raise money. In any case, many of the Crown prerogatives were obsolete (*strays, waifs etc*) or of no financial interest to franchisees (*royal fish, swans etc*). The author is not aware of franchises, post 1702 (Crown Lands Act 1702).

- (a), it is better that such matters be undertaken by the speakers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons given that the role of the sovereign is that of a formal (i.e. non-executive) head of state only, 13
- (b), it is now covered by legislation (the 2005 Act) and thus not relevant;
- (c) in the case of (a), it related only to Great Britain prior to 1707<sup>14</sup> (i.e. prior to Ireland joining in 1800) and it must be seen in that context. In other words, this provision is out of date, especially since SI's and legislation now, generally, govern such matters;
- (d), this has been discussed vis-à-vis the common law above.

Suffice to say that all this uncertain - and complex - law governing the legal requirements as to when the UK Great Seal should be used, can be dispensed with by the abolition of the Great Seal and, instead, the means of execution employed for any of the above being by means of a SI or the sign manual. In the case of the LC, the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, sch 7 states that a protected function includes:

1. Any function of the [LC] that relates to the custody or use of the Great Seal of the [UK].

If the UK Great Seal is abolished this s 1 can be repealed. So too, if the functions of the LC under the Great Seal are reallocated to a person other than the LC.

In conclusion, the office of LC should be abolished vis-à-vis the UK Great Seal since the same should be abolished.

# 3. FUNCTIONS UNDER 2005 ACT & CRIME AND COURTS ACT 2013

The Constitutional Reform Act 2005, sch 7 states that a protected function includes:

- 2. Any function of the [LC] under this Act, including any function under provisions inserted into the Act by: (a) the Crime and Courts Act 2013 or; (b) any earlier or later enactment.
- 3. Any function of the [LC] under another enactment, if the function is conferred and modified by an amendment made by this Act.
- 3A. Any function of the [LC] under the Legal Services Act 2007.

Most of these functions of the LC under this legislation - i.e. the 2005 Act, Crime and Courts 2013 and the Legal Services Act 2007 - should be transferred to the Justice Minister, since there is no indication that there have been any problems with the same performing them to date, qua LC.

For example, there are copious references to the LC15 in the Legal Services Act 2007 which are performed - in practice - by the Justice Minister, without problem. In a few cases (possibly) reference might be changed to refer to the LCJ (or, better, to any judge designated by the same).

In conclusion, the office of LC should be abolished vis-à-vis the above legislation referred to. And, in most cases, reference to the Justice Minister (or other relevant minister) is appropriate instead of to the LC. Further, it seems to have produced no problems, to date.

# 4. OTHER STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF THE LC

The 2005 Act also contains a list of c. 94 general and c. 17 Northern Ireland ('NI') specific Acts which make reference made to the LC in legislation (over the years the original list has been considerably reduced). <sup>16</sup> These are listed in Appendix A (general) and Appendix B (NI). These references fall - in the most part - into the following categories:

- 1. Power of the LC to appoint judges, members of tribunals, arbitrators etc;
- 2. Power of the LC to appoint to lesser posts;
- 3. Power of the LC in respect of pension schemes for judges etc;
- 4. Obligations to consult the LC on various matters;
- 5. Power of the LC to make regulations in respect of various matters.

A SI should amend the references in all this legislation, from the LC to another person. In the case of 2-5, this should be the Justice Minister (or other relevant minister) since these are not judicial powers. Only in the case of 1 - in most instances should the LCJ himself (or a designate) be required to appoint in replacement of the LC. Thus, for example, in writing, the LCJ should appoint all judges and members of tribunals, this by means of a standard form of words. 17 In all other cases, in this listed legislation, reference to the LC should be repealed and the Justice Minister and other ministers handle the same.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See n 9, (2<sup>nd</sup> article), p 266.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Although the Union with Scotland Act 1976 was enacted in 1706, its Scots counterpart, the Union with Scotland Act 1707, which completed matters, was not enacted until 1707. Thus, it is (probably) better to refer to 1707 since that was when art 24 achieved full effect, the union of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> e.g. ss 6, 8, 15, 23-6, 42-8, 59-62, 66, 69, 75-80, 118, 130, 139,152, 165,168-9, 172-3, 183, 194C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The government website (www.legislation.gov.uk) has failed to pick up various repeals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> As noted in a previous article, the sovereign appointing by means of a sealed document is no longer appropriate since her role is a *formal* one only now. And, the Justice Secretary (or LC) appointing is inappropriate since their role is a political one. See GSMcBain, Modernising the Constitution - Some Final Crown Prerogatives (2022), vol 15, no 3, pp 5-9.

In conclusion, the office of LC should be abolished vis-à-vis the above legislation referred to. And, in most cases, reference to the Justice Minister (or other relevant minister) is appropriate instead of to the LC. Further, this seems to have produced no problems, to date. In the case of judicial functions, these should pass to the LCJ (or, in many instances, to his designate).

# 5. ECCLESIASTICAL FUNCTIONS

As noted in a prior article, <sup>18</sup> the LC still exercises various powers - and has various rights (such as in respect of patronage and visitation) - *vis-à-vis* the CoE. This was problematic when the same was a catholic. <sup>19</sup> Today, there is absolutely no reason why such powers and rights should not pass to the Archbishop of Canterbury (or his designate). That is, there is no reason why the LC should be involved in religious issues.

In conclusion, the office of LC should be abolished and CoE rights passed to the Archbishop of Canterbury (or his designate).

# 6. CONCLUSION

Even a most casual review of the above matters indicates a compelling case to abolish the office of LC and to 'divvy out' his legal rights and obligations to others Thus, those which relate to judicial functions should be allocated to the LCJ (although many can go to another designated judge, to prevent the same being overloaded). And, the others should pass to ministers (mainly, the Justice Minister). All this could be done by means of a SI (which can also deal with any other functions of the LC not mentioned in a SI).

The abolition of the office of LC is important in that it can rectify the error made by the 2005 Act, in that there should be a clear demarcation between the *political* role of the Justice Secretary and the *judicial* role of the LCJ, who should take over the judicial functions of the LC (appointment of judges, judicial members). At the moment, things are very unclear as to the separation of the judicial and political spheres, which is not good for democracy. As for abolition of the office of LC, legislative provision would not be difficult:

1. The:

(a) office of Lord Chancellor ('LC') is abolished.

(b) legal rights and obligations of the LC shall be transferred to other persons according to a SI.

Is there need for any long report or discussions on the abolition of the office of the LC? The short answer is 'no'. This article and Halsbury, Laws of England (5<sup>th</sup> ed) provide sufficient data.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See McBain, n 9 (article 1), p 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See GSMcBain, Modernising the Constitution - Some Further Crown Prerogatives (2021) ILR, vol 10, no 1, p 221 and the Lord Chancellor (Tenure and Discharge of Legal Functions) Act 1974, s 1.

### APPENDIX A - UK LEGISLATION

This refers to the legislation listed in the 2005 Act, Sch 7, pt 4, which lists references to the LC in general legislation.

## Legislation

Sheriffs Act 1887<sup>20</sup>

War Pensions (Administrative Provs) Act 1919<sup>21</sup>

Compensation (Defence) Act 1939<sup>22</sup>

London Building Acts (Amendment) Act 1939<sup>23</sup>

Pensions Appeal Tribunal Act 1943<sup>24</sup>

Coal Industry Nationalisation Act 1946<sup>25</sup>

Agriculture Act 1947<sup>26</sup>

Commonwealth Telegraphs Act 1949<sup>27</sup>

National Health Service (Amendment) Act 1949<sup>28</sup>

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 29

Registered Designs Act 1949<sup>30</sup>

Foreign Compensation Act 1950<sup>31</sup>

Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 195132

Reserve and Auxiliary Forces (Protection of Civil Interests) Act 1951<sup>33</sup>

Landlord and Tenants Act 195434

Land Powers (Defence) Act 1958<sup>35</sup>

Transport Act 1962<sup>36</sup>

Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963<sup>37</sup>

Superannuation Act 1965<sup>38</sup>

Courts-Martial (Appeals) Act 196839

Countryside Act 196840

Transport Act 196841

Administration of Justice Act 197042

### Role of LC

Sheriff etc may take fees & poundage fixed by the LC (obs)

Constitution of Pension Appeals Tribunals as LC may

determine with Minister of Pensions.

LC to appoint Shipping Claims Tribunal members.

Ibid, Pension Appeals Tribunals members.

Ibid, arbitrators under Act.

Ibid, Agricultural Land Tribunal members.

Ibid, board of referees re pension rights disputes.

Ibid, arbitration committee members.

Ibid

Ibid, persons to hear appeals.

Constitution of Foreign Compensation Commission [obs]

LC to appoint Judge Advocate & JA General.

Rules by LC to appoint courts and procedure.

LC to fix remuneration of assessor.

LC, to appoint inquiry holder.

Ibid, arbitrator.

Ibid, Betting Levy Tribunal members.

LC to make rules re superannuation benefits with the Minister

for Civil Service's consent.

LC to appoint Judges of the Court Martial Appeal Court.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

Ibid.

Ibid, temporary additional judges.

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  S 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sch, paras 1,2,3,8,9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> S 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> S 109(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Sch, paras 2(1), 2A, 2B, 3C & 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> S 61(1) & 64 (10).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Sch 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> S 6(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> S 7(6), 9(4)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> S 18(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Ss 27A & B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> S 1(1), (4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ss 28,30, 31 (4), 32, 33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> S 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> s 63(6)(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Sch 2, paras 4(3), (4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Sch 6, para 3(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> S 29.

<sup>38</sup> S 39(A)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Ss 2, 5, 7(2), 30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> S 15A (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Sch 4, para 13(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> S 10(3).

Courts Act 197143

Misuse of Drugs Act 1971<sup>44</sup> Immigration Act 1971<sup>45</sup>

Administration of Justice Act 1973<sup>46</sup>

Juries Act 1974<sup>47</sup> Solicitors Act 1974<sup>48</sup> Industry Act 1975<sup>49</sup>

Domestic Proceedings & Magistrates' Courts Act 1978<sup>50</sup>

Customs & Excise Management Act 1979<sup>51</sup>

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980<sup>52</sup> Judicial Pensions Act 1981<sup>53</sup> Supreme Courts Act 1981<sup>54</sup>

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981<sup>55</sup>

Transport Act 1982<sup>56</sup>

Administration of Justice 1982<sup>57</sup> Mental Health Act 1983<sup>58</sup> Car Tax Act 1983<sup>59</sup> County Courts Act 1984<sup>60</sup>

Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 198461

Administration of Justice Act 198562

Transport Act 198563

Landlord and Tenant Act 198564

Insolvency Act 1986<sup>65</sup>
Criminal Justice Act 1988<sup>66</sup>
Education Reform Act 1988<sup>67</sup>

Ibid, circuit judges. And, to recommend recorders.

Ibid, Tribunal members.

LC to determine rules of procedure.

LC to fix judicial salaries.

LC to summon juries, panels *etc*. LC to make rules *re* remuneration.

To appoint members to a tribunal. And, rules made by LC.

Ibid, appoint a referee.

Ibid, referee.

LC may make/require rules. Scheme approved by LC *etc*.

LC to fix remuneration and allowances.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

Ibid.

Regs made with concurrence of LC. LC to appoint members of Tribunal.

LC to appoint referee.

Concurrence to appoint CC judge. LC to make keeper of

records by SI. LC to fix fees & fines.

Concurrence of LC.

LC may order, by SI, the recognition of judicial bodies etc.

LC may appoint to Transport Tribunal.

Ibid, rent assessment committee members.

Consult with Insolvency Rules C-ee, fees *etc*.

Power to assess compensation *re* assessor.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

 $<sup>^{43}</sup>$  S 16(1), 18, 21, 24, Sch 2, paras 4(3) & 9 (2).

 $<sup>^{44}</sup>$  Sch 3, paras 1(1), 3 & 4 and in the Table in para 21, the entry for para 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> S 22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Ss 9 & 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Ss 2, 3(1), 5(1), 8, 19, 21, 23(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> S 56.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Sch 3, para 4(1)(a) & 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> S 2(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Sch 3, para 17(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> S 137, 144(2) & (3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Ss 3,5,7, 10,11, 13, 13A, 14A, 23, 29B, 32A, 33ZA, 33A, Sch 1, para 3(3), Sch 1A, paras 2 & 11, Sch 2, para 2(2).

 $<sup>^{54}</sup> S 9(8), 11(7) \& (8), 12, 54(3), 57(4)(a), 71(4)(a), 74, 75, 91, 92(1) \& (3A), 98, 102, 126, 133, 140(4) \\$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> S 28N (3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> S 66(4)(a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> S 25(3)(a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Ss 78, 143(1), Sch 2, paras 1-3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> S 3(5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> S 8, 12(1), 128, 130.

 $<sup>^{61}</sup>$  S 37

<sup>62</sup> S 9(7), 69(2), Sch 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Sch 4, paras 2(1)(a), 3(4) & (5), 6, 7, 15 & 16.

<sup>64</sup> S 29(4).

 $<sup>^{65}</sup>$  S 117, 413-5, 420(1), 421 ( ), Sch 7, para 1(1)(a).

<sup>66</sup> Sch 12.

<sup>67</sup> Sch 10, para 9(4).

Local Government Finance Act 1988<sup>68</sup> Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988<sup>69</sup>

Electricity Act 1989<sup>70</sup> Children Act 1989<sup>71</sup>

Broadcasting Act 199072

Courts and Legal Services Act 1990<sup>73</sup>

Child Support Act 199174

Ports Act 199175

Land Drainage Act 199176

Tribunals and Inquiries Act 199277

Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 199378

Coal Industry Act 1994<sup>79</sup> Trade Marks Act 1994<sup>80</sup>

Employment Tribunals Act 199681

Reserve Forces Act 199682

Police Act 1996<sup>83</sup>
Arbitration Act 1996<sup>84</sup>
Defamation 1996<sup>85</sup>
Broadcasting Act 1996<sup>86</sup>
Civil Procedure Act 1997<sup>87</sup>
Finance Act (No 2) Act 1997<sup>88</sup>
Plant Varieties Act 1997<sup>89</sup>

Special Immigration Appeals Commission Act 1997<sup>90</sup>

Social Security Act 1998<sup>91</sup> Crime and Disorder Act 1998<sup>92</sup> Ibid, tribunal members.

Ibid. Ibid.

LC power to make regs.
LC to appoint arbitrator.
LC to allocate court business.

LC has power re child maintenance orders.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

Ibid, to appoint panel.

LC to appoint chairman.

Deals with judicial pensions, inc LC.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

Ibid, members to hear appeals.

LC power to confer jurisdiction to employment Tribunals.

LC to appoint chairman and members of Tribunal.

LC to nominate to Police Appeals Tribunal.

LC to allocate proceedings to HC & CC.
LC to prescribe amount of damages.

LC to appoint arbitrator.

LC may establish Civil Justice Council.

LC has power to modify regs.

LC power to appoint to Tribunal.

LC has power to make rules.

Power to appoint president and panel.

Concurrence of LC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Sch 11, para A7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> S 145(2), 146(6), 150, 291(5), 292.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Sch 10, para 9(2)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> S 104(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Sch 9, para 5(5)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Ss 1, 53, 60, 72, 89, 125(4), Sch 19, para 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> S 8, 52 (1), Sch 4, para 2(1) & (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Sch 2, para 11(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> S 31(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> S 6(2), (8) & (9), s 9, 13, 15, 16(2), Sch 5, para 7(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Ss 1,2, 3, 9, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26(9), 31. Sch 2. Paras 2,11, 12 & 13, Sch 2A, paras 1 & 2, Sch 5, as it applies in relation to the office of chairman or other member of Rent Assessment Committees, Sch 7, para 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Sch 2, para 8(6)(a).

<sup>80</sup> S 77.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> S 3, 22(1)(c) & (2), 27, 30.

<sup>82</sup> S 90 & 91.

<sup>83</sup> Sch 6, para 1(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> S 105.

<sup>85</sup> S 9(1)(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Sch 5, para 8(6)(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Ss 3,6.

<sup>88</sup> Sch 2, para 11 (2).

<sup>89</sup> Sch 1 3, paras 2(1), 13 & 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> S 5, 8, Sch 1, paras 1-4.

<sup>91</sup> S 5(1), 6(1)-(4), 79, Sch 4 paras 1(2), 2,3,6 & 8.

<sup>92</sup> S 51, 51D, 81.

Human Rights Act 199893

Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions etc) Act 199994

Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 199995

Immigration and Asylum Act 199996

Terrorism Act 200097

International Criminal Court 200198

Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 200199

Land Registration Act 2002100

Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002101

Tax Credits Act 2002<sup>102</sup> Enterprise Act 2002<sup>103</sup>

Nationality, Immigration & Asylum Act 2002<sup>104</sup>

Finance Act 2003<sup>105</sup> (rep)
Communications Act 2003<sup>106</sup>

Courts Act 2003107

Income Tax Act 2007<sup>108</sup> (rep)

Tribunals, Courts & Enforcement Act 2007109

Coroners and Justice Act 2009110

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013111

Public Service Pensions 2013<sup>112</sup>

Additional Learning Needs & Education Tribunal

(Wales) Act 2008<sup>113</sup> Sentencing Act 2020<sup>114</sup>

Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022<sup>115</sup>

LC can fix ECHR judge's pension.

Regs made with concurrence of LC.

LC appropriate minister for pension scheme.

Regs under Act require LC approval.

LC to appoint to Proscribed Organisations Appeal Com.

LC to make pension provision for ICC judge.

LC to appoint to Pathogens Access Appeal Commission

LC may require registrar to make payment LC to appoint to Leasehold Valuation panels

Regs made with LC's consent

LC power to appoint to Competition Appeal Tribunal

LC to appoint members of Tribunal

Transfer schemes. Appointment of arbitrator. Appointment of district judges (pay, removal *etc*).

Indemnification of JP's. Appointment of fines officers etc.

LC may provide for a qualification to be a recognised

qualification

Annual report to be submitted to LC. LC to be consulted *re* sentencing guidelines. Council to consult with LC *re* guidelines.

LC power to allow for marriage of same sex couples in the

Church in Wales.

LC may make pension scheme regs for judiciary. LC to appoint President of Education Tribunal.

LC power to amend by regs

LC power to add new judicial offices

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93 Sch 4.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> S 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> S 43.

<sup>96</sup> S 53(6), Sch 7, paras 1 & 2, Sch 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Sch 3, paras 1-3 & 5.

<sup>98</sup> Sch 1, para 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> Sch 6, paras 1,2,3 & 5.

<sup>100</sup> S 108(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Sch 12, para 5(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> S 65.

 $<sup>^{103}</sup>$  S 12(2)(a) & (b), 16. Sch 2, paras 1 & 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> S 16, 81, 106, Sch 4 paras 1,2,6 & 7, Sch 5, paras 1-5, 9-11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Sch 17, paras 6-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Sch 2, para 4(7)(a).

 $<sup>^{107}\,</sup>S\,\,1,\,22(1),\,24,\,27,\,35\text{-}7,\,51,\,61,\,70(2)(a),\,Sch\,\,1,\,paras\,\,2\,\,\&\,\,6,\,Sch\,\,5,\,para\,\,43,\,Sch\,\,6,\,para\,\,1,\,Sch\,\,7,\,paras\,\,2\,\,\&\,\,12.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> S 704 (1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> Pt 1, s 51, Pt 3, ss 95-102.

 $<sup>^{110}\,\</sup>mathrm{S}\,\,119\,(1)\,\&\,(2), 120(6),\,122(4),\,124(1),\,131(2),\,132(1),\,(4)\,\&\,(6),\,\mathrm{s}\,\,133,\,\mathrm{Sch}\,\,15.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> S 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Sch 1, para 2(1), Sch 2, para 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> S 91(3) & (4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> Sch 23, para 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> S 124(3) & (4), 127.

### APPENDIX B: NI

Judicial Pensions Act (NI) Act 1951<sup>116</sup> LC may make regs with Treasury consent. Recommendation

by LC of pension for Social Service C-er.

County Courts Act (NI) Act 1959<sup>117</sup> Services and allowances for judges determined by LC with

Treasury consent.

Resident Magistrates Pensions Act (NI) 1960<sup>118</sup> Electing not be a member of the pension scheme, notice

served on LC.

LC may make regs with Treasury consent.

Magistrates' Courts Act (NI) 1964<sup>119</sup> Appointment of deputy district magistrates, subject to

conditions that the LC may direct.

LC may determine salaries with Treasury consent.

Involvement in address to removing LCJ. Pensions of

Lands Tribunal and Compensation Act (NI) 1964<sup>120</sup> LC may appoint members of Tribunal.

Social Security (NI) Act 1975<sup>121</sup> LC recommendation re C-er's pension (obs?).

Judicature (NI) Act 1978<sup>122</sup> LC may determine remuneration of HC & CA judges.

statutory officers.

Statutory Rules (NI) Order 1979<sup>123</sup> LC is rulemaking authority.

Child Support (NI) Order 1991<sup>124</sup> LC may pay travelling allowances to persons attending

proceedings before the Child Support C-er.

LC to determine Registered Homes Tribunals.

Social Security Administration (NI) Act 1992<sup>126</sup> LC may make regs as to reviews and appeals.

Registered Homes (NI) Order 1992<sup>127</sup>

NI Act 1998<sup>128</sup>

Judicial Pensions (NI) Order 1991125

Welfare Reform and Pensions Order 1999<sup>129</sup>

Justice (NI) Act 2002<sup>130</sup>

Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction & Care of Churches

Measure 2018<sup>131</sup>

Rules for appeal to the Tribunal pursuant to s 91 of the Act.

Power of LC to make regs.

LCJ represents judiciary views to the LC. Also, LC appoints

listed judicial officers.

Must consult LC before approving chancellor of a diocese.

LC makes nominations for rules committee.

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<sup>116</sup> S 11A, 16, Sch 4, para 3.

 $<sup>^{117}</sup>$  S  $^{106}$ (1) & (3),  $^{107}$ (7),  $^{116}$ (1),  $^{116}$ A(3)(b),  $^{4}$ (a) & (b) & (6), s  $^{127}$ A(1),  $^{132}$ A(1), (2) & (4),  $^{134}$ . Sch 2A, paras 2(1)(a),  $^{11}$ (1),  $^{12}$ (1) &  $^{136}$ (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> S 2(1), 2A(3)(b), 4(a) & (b), (5) & (6), 8A, 9A(1), 16(1), (3) & (4), 21A(1), (2) & (4), Sch 2, para 3(3)(a), Sch 3, paras 2(a), 11(1), 12(1) & 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> S 10(1) & 12 (1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> S 2A(3)(b),4(a) & (b), (5) & (6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup> S 10, para 6(1), 7(2), (3) & (4), 7A(3)(b), 4(a) & (b), (5) & (6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>122</sup> S 7(4), 12(b) & 12(C), 71(4), 72(3), 74(5), 117A, 123(2) & (3).

<sup>123</sup> Sch 1, Pt 1.

 $<sup>^{124}</sup>$  Sch 4, para 4.

<sup>125</sup> Art 1(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> S 56(6).

<sup>127</sup> Art 30(1)(a),31(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> S 91(6), Sch 11, para 2(1) & (3), 2A, 3(1) & (4) & 4.

<sup>129</sup> Art 40, 73 (10) & (11).

<sup>130</sup> S 12(13).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> S 2(6), 81(3).

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