

## 84<sup>th</sup> UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the existing Practice Directions supplementing the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Lord Faulks, Minister of State, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the existing Practice Directions come into force as follows—	
Practice Direction 2A – Court Offices	3 October 2016
Practice Direction 8A – Alternative Procedure for Claims	17 June 2016
Practice Direction 32 – Evidence	17 June 2016
Practice Direction 51K – The County Court Legal Advisers Pilot Scheme	29 September 2016
Practice Direction 51L – New Bill of Costs Pilot Scheme	29 September 2016

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The Right Honourable The Lord Dyson  
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

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Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

### **PRACTICE DIRECTION 2A – COURT OFFICES**

- 1) Omit paragraph 2.2.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 8A – ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMS**

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1) In paragraph 17.1,

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)—

- (i) in paragraph (a), at the end, omit “or”;
- (ii) in paragraph (b), at the end, for “,”, substitute “; or”; and
- (iii) after paragraph (b), insert—

“(c) the Electoral Commission under paragraph 17 of Schedule 3 to the European Union Referendum Act 2015,”

2) In paragraph 17.2,

- (i) in paragraph (a), at the end, omit “and”;
- (ii) in paragraph (b), at the end, for “.” substitute “; and”; and
- (iii) after paragraph (b), insert—

“(c) for applications under the European Union Referendum Act 2015, as references to the counting officer or Regional Counting Officer.”

3) In paragraph 17A.1—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1), after the words “Representation of the People Act 1983”, insert “and the European Union Referendum (Conduct) Regulations 2016 (“the 2016 Regulations”)”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (2)—

- (i) after the words “local government elections”, in the first place they appear, insert “, or under the 2016 Regulations,”; and
- (ii) in paragraph (a), after the words “under a provision of any of those Acts”, insert “, or under the 2016 Regulations,”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 32 – EVIDENCE**

- 1) In Annex 3 (video conferencing guidance) to the Practice Direction, in paragraph 4, after the words “If there is any doubt about this, enquiries should be directed to the”, for the words “Foreign and Commonwealth Office (International Legal Matters Unit, Consular Division), substitute “Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Legalisation Office) [sopenquiries@fco.gov.uk](mailto:sopenquiries@fco.gov.uk)”.

## **PRACTICE DIRECTION 51K – THE COUNTY COURT LEGAL ADVISERS PILOT SCHEME**

- 2) In paragraph 1.1, for the words “for a period of” to “30 September 2016”, substitute “for a period of 18 months from 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2017”.
- 3) In the table in the Schedule to the Practice Direction—

(a) after the entry for paragraph 2, insert—

“2A. Applications for an extension of time in which to serve the particulars of claim	Limited to the first application, unless the claim would normally be allocated to the small claims track, and further limited to applications made within the period specified in rule 7.4 for service of the particulars of claim.”;
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(b) in the entry for paragraph 5, in the column for restrictions on the exercise of jurisdiction, after the words “Limited to applications where all parties”, insert “, upon whom the claim has been served and who have acknowledged service,”;

(c) in the entry for paragraph 6, in the column for work type, after the word “Application”, insert “or request”; and

(d) after the entry for paragraph 9, in the column for work type, insert—

“9A. Application to appoint a new litigation friend in substitution for an existing one pursuant to rule 21.7(1)(c)”.

**PRACTICE DIRECTION 51L – NEW BILL OF COSTS PILOT SCHEME**

- 1) In paragraph 1.1, for “30 September 2016”, substitute “30 September 2017”.