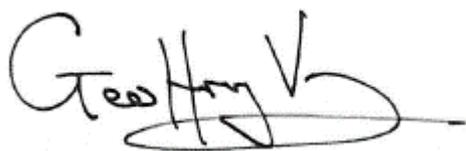


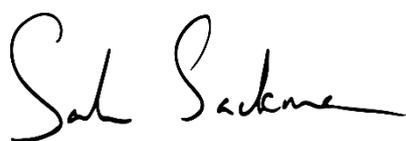
180th UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Practice Direction 51R – Online Civil Money Claims Pilot and Practice Direction 51ZB – The Damages Claims Pilot, which supplement the Civil Procedure Rules 1998, are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lady Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Sarah Sackman KC, Minister of State (Ministry of Justice), by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments come into force on 13 February 2025

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The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

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Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:

Sarah Sackman KC

Minister of State

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51R– ONLINE CIVIL MONEY CLAIMS PILOT

1. In each of paragraphs 6.2(9)(a), 6.2(12)(a), 6.3(6)(a), 6A.5(5)(a), 6A.5(8)(a), and 6A.6(2)(a), for “£1,000” substitute “£10,000”.
2. In paragraph 6C.1, for “6A.5(5)” substitute “6.2(9), 6.2(12), 6.3(6), 6A.5(5), 6A.5(8)”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 51ZB – DAMAGES CLAIMS PILOT

3. In the table of contents, after the entry for paragraph 7A.1, insert—

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Applications for court orders – online applications – legal advisers	Paragraph 7A.1A
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4. In paragraph 1.1, after the definition of “early adopter court” insert—

““legal adviser” has the meaning given in paragraph 1.2(b) of Civil Procedure Rules Practice Direction 2E – Jurisdiction of the county court that may be exercised by a legal adviser;”.

5. After paragraph 7A.1, insert—

“Applications for court orders – online applications – legal advisers

7A.1A (1) This paragraph applies where a party has made an online application under paragraph 7A.1 before the claimant has provided hearing information and directions have been made.

(2) A legal adviser may exercise the jurisdiction of the county court in relation to the online application.

(3) Civil Procedure Rule Practice Direction 2E applies to the exercise of any jurisdiction by a legal adviser, subject to the following modifications—

(a) a request for reconsideration of a decision of a legal adviser must be made within 7 days after the date of notification of the decision;

(b) the request for reconsideration of a decision of a legal adviser must be made through the DCP.”.