

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL PRACTICE DIRECTIONS March 2022**

### **SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES**

This is the thirteenth amendment to the Criminal Practice Directions 2015<sup>1</sup>. It was issued by the Lord Chief Justice and comes into force today, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

This update provides amendments to existing Criminal Practice Directions and supplements the Criminal Procedure Rules. The Table of Content is amended accordingly.

#### **CPD XIII Listing E: Allocation of business within the Crown Court**

These amendments will permit District Judges (Magistrates' Court) and Deputy High Court Judges appointed under s.9(4) of the Senior Courts Act 1981 to be allocated cases in the Crown Court.

Minor consequential amendments have also been made to CPD XII General application B: Modes of Address and Titles of Judges and Magistrates and to CPD XII Listing C: Referral of Cases in the Crown Court to the Resident Judge and to the Presiding Judges.

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<sup>1</sup> [2015] EWCA Crim 1567. Amendment Number 1 [2016] EWCA Crim 97 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 and came into force on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Amendment Number 2 [2016] EWCA Crim 1714 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and came into force on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Amendment Number 3 [2017] EWCA Crim 30 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice and came into force on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. Amendment Number 4 [2017] EWCA Crim 310 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and came into force on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. Amendment Number 5 [2017] EWCA Crim 1076 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and came into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. Amendment Number 6 [2018] EWCA Crim 516 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 and came into force on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. Amendment Number 7 [2018] EWCA Crim 1760 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Amendment Number 8 EWCA [2019] Crim 495 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. Amendment Number 9 EWCA [2019] Crim 1603 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and came into force on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Amendment Number 10 EWCA [2020] Crim 605 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and came into force on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Amendment Number 11 EWCA Crim 1347 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and came into force on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020; Amendment No 12 EWCA Crim 367 was issued by the Lord Chief Justice on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 and came into force on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.