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Practice Direction: Closed Judgments

1. This Practice Direction applied to any Court of Tribunal giving a “closed” judgment following a closed material procedure, whether pursuant to the provisions of Part 1 of the Justice and Security Act 2013, in the High Court, the Divisional Court or the Court of Appeal; in proceedings in relation to Terrorism Prevention and Investigation Measures; in any Tribunal established under the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcements Act 2007 (save for the Employment Tribunal and the Employment Appeals Tribunal) and in any appeals therefrom.
2. A single printed copy and an electronic copy of each closed judgment and any related open judgment must be lodged with the RCJ Senior Information Officer within 14 days of being delivered or handed down, for consideration for inclusion in the library of closed judgments now established in the Royal Courts of Justice.
3. If it is decided to retain the judgment in the library, the relevant judge(s) or tribunal judge(s) will be informed. If the judgment is not to be retained, it will be disposed of securely.
4. Both printed and electronic judgments must at all times be maintained under secure handling provisions as set down in Closed Judgments Library – Security Guidance of 2017, a copy of which can be obtained from the RCJ Senior Information Officer.
5. Any questions should be directed in the first instance to the RCJ Senior Information Officer, telephone 020 7947 7939, email – RCJinfomanagement@justice.gov.uk.
6. This Practice Direction is made under the procedure set out in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 and under Civil Procedure Act 1997, section 5, Courts Act 2003, sections 74 and 81 in respect of the Courts of England and Wales. It is made under the procedure set out in Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007, section 23, in respect of the First-tier and Upper Tribunals. It is made by the Lord Chief Justice and Senior President of Tribunals with the approval of the Lord Chancellor.

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