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SENIOR PRESIDENT  
OF TRIBUNALS

## Practice Statement authorising Legal Officers to carry out functions of a judicial nature in the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber)

1. The Senior President of Tribunals hereby authorises any appropriately trained member of staff appointed under section 40(1) of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 or section 2(1) of the Courts Act 2003 and designated as a 'Legal Officer' by the Chamber President to carry out the functions of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013 set out in paragraph 3 below.
2. A Legal Officer must have been authorised by the Chamber President to exercise those functions. All functions must be exercised under the supervision of a judge and in accordance with guidance issued by the Chamber President.
3. A Legal Officer may make all decisions that a judge assigned to the Residential Property jurisdiction may make under the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013, save those which the Chamber President excludes from time to time and those which are substantive final decisions.
4. In accordance with rule 5(3) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013, within 14 days after the date that the Tribunal sends notice of a decision made by a Legal Officer pursuant to an authorisation under paragraph 1 above that party may apply in writing to the Tribunal for the decision to be considered afresh by a judge.

**Sir Keith Lindblom**  
Senior President of Tribunals

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