



## Membership

- 2 The Council must include—
- (a) members of the judiciary,
  - (b) members of the legal professions,
  - (c) civil servants concerned with the administration of the courts,
  - (d) persons with experience in and knowledge of consumer affairs,
  - (e) persons with experience in and knowledge of the lay advice sector, and
  - (f) persons able to represent the interests of particular kinds of litigants (for example, businesses or employees).
- 2A The Lord Chancellor must decide the following questions, after consulting the Lord Chief Justice<sup>1</sup>—
- (a) how many members of the Council are to be drawn from each of the groups mentioned in subsection (2);
  - (b) how many other members the Council is to have.<sup>2</sup>

	Title	Statutory Category	Name	Appointment start	End of term	Current term
1	Master of the Rolls	2(a)	Sir Geoffrey Vos		Ex officio	N/A
2	Deputy Head of Civil Justice	2(a)	Sir Colin Birss		Ex officio	N/A
3	High Court	2(a)	Mr Justice Simon Picken	14 October 2022	13 October 2026	1
4	Circuit Judge	2(a)	HHJ Karen Walden-Smith	14 October 2022	13 October 2025	1
5	District Judge	2(a)	DJ Judy Gibson	1 March 2019	28 February 2022	1
6	Barrister	2(b)	John Sorabji	1 August 2022	31 July 2025	1
7	Legal Executive	2(b)	Vacant			
8	Solicitor (claimant)	2(b)	Vacant			
9	Solicitor (defendant)	2(b)	Andrew Parker	31 July 2014	10 September 2023	3
10	Deputy Director Civil - HMCTS	2(c)	Rosie Rand		Ex officio	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Delegated to the Master of the Rolls [MR office holds delegation letter within delegation folder of MOR drive]

<sup>2</sup> Taken from Section 6 of the Civil Procedure Act 1997. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1997/12/crossheading/civil-justice-council>

11	Deputy Director Civil Justice and Law Policy - MOJ	2(c)	David Parkin		Ex officio	N/A
12	Consumer Representative	2(d)	Elisabeth Davies	1 January 2019	31 December 2021	1
13	Lay Advice Sector	2(e)	Matthew Smerdon	1 October 2013	30 September 2022	3
14	Lay Advice Sector	2(e)	Vacant			
14	Housing	2(f)	Diane Astin	15 October 2016	14 October 2022	2
15	Insurance	2(f)	Nicola Critchley	25 July 2016	24 July 2022	2
16	Legal Aid	2(f)	Kate Pasfield	1 August 2022	31 July 2025	1
17	Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)	2(f)	James Walker	1 August 2022	31 July 2025	1
18	Wales	2(f)	Rhodri Williams KC	1 January 2019	31 December 2021	1
19	ADR Provider	2A(b)	Vacant			
20	Analysis, information architecture, econometrics	2A(b)	Natalie Byrom	1 August 2022	31 July 2025	1
21	Digital technologies, information technologies	2A(b)	Vacant			
22	EU Exit	2A(b)	Ian Karet	15 October 2016	14 October 2023	3
23	Legal Academic	2A(b)	Andrew Higgins	1 January 2019	31 December 2021	1