



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 Lady Chief Justice:¹

- (a) how many members of the Council are to be drawn from each of the groups mentioned in subsection
- (b) how many other members the Council is to have.²

Title	Statutory Category	Name	Appointment Start	End of Term	Current Term
Master of the Rolls	2(a)	Sir Geoffrey Vos	Ex officio	N/A	N/A
Deputy Head of Civil Justice	2(a)	Sara Cockerill LJ	Ex officio	N/A	N/A

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

² Taken from Section 6 of the Civil Procedure Act 1997. [Civil Procedure Act 1997](#)

High Court	2(a)	Mr Justice Simon Picken	14 October 2022	13 October 2026	1
Circuit Judge	2(a)	HHJ Karen Walden-Smith	14 October 2022	13 October 2028	2
District Judge	2(a)	DJ Kevin Harper	7 April 2025	6 April 2028	1
Barrister	2(b)	John Sorabji	1 August 2022	31 July 2028	2
Legal Executive	2(b)	Laurence Shaw	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1
Solicitor (claimant)	2(b)	John Cuss	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1
Solicitor (defendant)	2(b)	Nigel Teasdale	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	1
Deputy Director Civil – HMCTS	2(c)	Rosemary Rand	7 June 2023	7 June 2026	1
Deputy Director Civil Reform – HMCTS	2(c)	Emily Wickens	7 June 2023	7 June 2026	1
Deputy Director Civil Justice and Law Policy	2(c)	Steven Jarman	7 June 2023	7 June 2026	1
Consumer Representative	2(d)	Frances Harrison	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	
Lay Advice Sector	2(e)	Elizabeth Smart	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1
Lay Representative	2(e)	Sue Prince	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1
Housing	2(f)	Andrew Brookes	15 October 2016	14 October 2025	1
Insurance	2(f)	Jane Portas	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	1
Legal Aid	2(f)	Kate Pasfield	1 August 2022	31 July 2028	2
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)	2(f)	Tim Sawyer	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	1
Wales	2(f)	Owain James	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	1
ADR Provider	2A(b)	Amrik Kandola	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1

ADR Provider (determinative)	2A(b)	Rebecca Hilsenrath KC	1 April 2025	31 March 2028	1
Analysis / information / econometrics	2A(b)	Natalie Byrom	1 August 2022	31 July 2025	1
Digital technologies / information technologies	2A(b)	Daniel Hoadley	1 January 2024	1 January 2027	1
Legal Academic	2A(b)	Naomi Creutzfeldt	23 January 2026	22 January 2029	1