



## DRAFT COURT RULES FOR COLLECTIVE PROCEEDINGS

In December 2008 the Civil Justice Council (the CJC) published its advice to the Lord Chancellor, *Improving Access to Justice through Collective Actions: Developing a More Efficient and Effective Procedure for Collective Actions*<sup>1</sup>.

The Ministry of Justice (the MoJ) responded to the CJC's advice in July 2009 (*The Government's Response to the Civil Justice Council's Report: 'Improving Access to Justice through Collective Actions'*<sup>2</sup>). The Ministry of Justice (the MOJ) committed itself to work with the CJC to develop proposals for draft rules of court for collective actions, which would then be submitted to the Civil Procedure Rule Committee (the CPRC). In November 2009 the CJC established a subcommittee (the subcommittee) to develop those proposals. Membership of the subcommittee was drawn widely from the CJC, the MOJ, the CPRC and individuals nominated by the CJC with expertise in this area.<sup>3</sup>

The subcommittee today submits to the Lord Chancellor and the CPRC draft rules of court for collective actions. The CJC understands that in the light of the draft the CPRC will produce proposals for amendments to the Civil Procedure Rules and will carry out a full consultation before reaching any final decision.

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[http://www.civiljusticecouncil.gov.uk/files/Improving\\_Access\\_to\\_Justice\\_through\\_Collective\\_Actions.pdf](http://www.civiljusticecouncil.gov.uk/files/Improving_Access_to_Justice_through_Collective_Actions.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/docs/government-response-cjc-collective-actions.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> The Subcommittee members were: Robin Knowles QC (CJC) (Chair), Professor Rachael Mulheron (CJC), Master Fontaine (CPRC), William Featherby QC (CPRC), Qasim Nawaz (CPRC), Charles Dhanowa (Registrar, Competition Appeal Tribunal), Stephen Wisking (Herbert Smith), John Sorabji (Legal Secretary to the Master of the Rolls), Steve Uttley (MoJ Policy), Michael Anima-Shaun (MoJ Policy), Helen Hall (MoJ Legal)/