



# Tribunals Judiciary

## PRACTICE STATEMENT

### COMPOSITION OF TRIBUNALS IN RELATION TO MATTERS THAT FALL TO BE DECIDED IN CRIMINAL INJURY COMPENSATION CASES IN THE SOCIAL ENTITLEMENT CHAMBER ON OR AFTER 3 NOVEMBER 2008

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1. In the exercise of powers conferred by the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal (Composition of Tribunal) Order 2008 (“the 2008 Order”) the Senior President of Tribunals makes the following determinations and supplementary provision:-
2. “Criminal injuries compensation case“ has the meaning given in rule 1(3) of The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Social Entitlement Chamber) Rules 2008.
3. Any matter that falls to be decided by the Tribunal at a hearing must be decided by two or three members each of whom is either a judge or a other member who has any of the qualifications set out in article 2(2)(a)-(d), (f), (i), 2(3), 2(4)(b) or (c) of the Qualifications for Appointment of Members to the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal Order 2008.
4. Where more than one member of the Tribunal is to decide the matter, the “presiding member” for the purpose of article 7 of the 2008 Order must be selected by the Chamber President or Principal Judge for criminal injuries compensation cases.
5. Any matter decided by the Tribunal otherwise than at a hearing must be decided by either one judge or one other member who has any of the qualifications set out in paragraph 3 above. The judge or member must be selected by the Chamber President or Principal Judge for criminal injuries compensation cases.

**LORD JUSTICE CARNWATH**  
**SENIOR PRESIDENT OF TRIBUNALS**  
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