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Preface

NEW TO THE 2014 EDITION

Blackstone's Civil Practice 2014 is up to date to 31 July 2013, and includes rule changes which came into effect then, together with all the civil justice reforms of 2013 that came into force on 1 April 2013 implementing the Jackson reforms. The commentary incorporates rule amendments up to the Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2013 and the 65th Update. The rules and practice directions in the Appendices include revisions up to the Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2013 and the 63rd Update. It has not been possible to deal with the new Part 82 of the Civil Procedure Rules, which came into force on 27 June 2013. Among the revisions to Blackstone's Civil Practice for this edition are:

- Abolition of recoverability of success fees and additional liabilities
- Damages-based agreements
- Legal aid under LASPO 2012 replacing the Community Legal Service
- Overriding objective revised to include ensuring litigation proceeds at proportionate cost
- Small claims track limit raised
- Allocation questionnaires replaced with directions questionnaires
- Provisional track allocation
- Standard directions for multi-track claims
- Direct judicial contact with legal representatives
- Docketing
- Menu option disclosure
- Disclosure reports
- Costs budgets
- Costs management
- · Restrictions on witness statements
- Costs estimates for experts
- · Concurrent expert evidence ('hot-tubbing')
- Proportionality: replacement test
- · Proportionality, necessity and reasonableness
- Qualified one-way costs shifting
- Part 36: additional amount where there is a successful claimant's Part 36 offer
- Costs rules and costs practice directions completely replaced
- Provisional assessment of costs
- · Appeals practice directions completely replaced
- · ADR: enhanced importance, and the ADR Handbook
- · Contempt of court: the new Part 81

These changes have resulted in the need for three new chapters, and for the chapter on legal aid to be completely replaced, as well as extensive amendments throughout the book.

An online resource centre for Blackstone's Civil Practice 2014 will also be available with regular updates and useful reading. This can be found at: www.oup.com/blackstones/civil.

Blackstone's Civil Practice 2014 provides the civil litigation practitioner with a comprehensive and authoritative work covering every topic which the practitioner can reasonably expect to encounter in everyday practice. The objective of the publishers and the editorial team has been to produce a single volume of manageable size and expense.

Blackstone's Civil Practice occupies a unique place in the civil litigation practitioner's library. It is a complete treatise on all aspects of the law and practice relating to the progress of a civil claim, from funding the litigation to enforcing the judgment. It provides a complete commentary on the Civil Procedure Rules and practice directions, the text of which is set out in appendix 1. There are chapters providing comprehensive but condensed summaries of the law of evidence, judicial review, human rights, sale of goods and unfair contracts. There is commentary on specialist proceedings including arbitration, mortgage possession, company, insolvency and director disqualification.

A team of highly experienced and respected authors has ensured that each subject is given authoritative and specialist attention. The authors and editors have sought to provide a text which is sufficiently comprehensive, clear and up to date to enable a practitioner easily to assimilate a topic on which he or she may have little knowledge, whilst at the same time providing a depth of analysis and information which will enable those with greater experience of a subject to research in greater detail.

Comprehensive and up-to-date appendices include not only the Civil Procedure Rules, practice directions and pre-action protocols, but also the court fees orders and some of the statutes most commonly needed in civil litigation. Procedural checklists, which are step-by-step guides to various aspects of civil procedure, can be found at the front of the book, beginning on page 1. These provide quick and practical guidance on how to comply with the requirements of the rules.

It has been the foresight and enthusiasm of its publishers which has enabled this work to come to fruition. The editors would, in particular, like to thank Heather Saward and Jeremy Stein, and remember the late Alistair MacQueen, of Blackstone Press, because this work would not have seen the light of day without their vision and enthusiasm. We also extend our thanks to Vicky Pittman and Andy Redman of Oxford University Press for their guidance, encouragement and total support. We also warmly thank the contributors who have provided authoritative material on their subjects and met a tight schedule notwithstanding their other important commitments.

This edition states the law as it was known to the editors and contributors at 31 July 2013 and includes changes to the Civil Procedure Rules and practice directions, which took effect on 31 July 2013 (except that it has not been possible to deal with the new Part 82 of the CPR). Court fees are those in effect from 1 July 2013.

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ORGANISATION OF THE SUBJECT MATTER

Subject-focused chapters

The chapters of *Blackstone's Civil Practice* are subject-focused, dealing with all the law on a topic, wherever the source of the law may be in statutes, rules, practice directions or cases. General points are discussed in part A (chapters 1 to 4), then parts B to P (chapters 5 to 81) describe the progress of a civil claim in a county court or the High Court in England and Wales, from consideration of how to fund it (part B) to the methods of enforcing judgment (part P). Part Q (chapters 82 to 86) deals with procedure in insolvency proceedings and companies matters in the county courts and High Court. Other special procedures in the county courts and High Court are considered in chapter 72 (arbitration claims), chapter 77 (judicial review, which is conducted in the High Court only), chapter 87 (mortgage possession claims) and chapter 88 (anti-social behaviour and harassment, which are dealt with in county courts only). Parts T and U of *Blackstone's Civil Practice* contain compact summaries of some topics of particular importance to practitioners: sale of goods and unfair contracts (part T) and human rights (part U). Part V lists the changes of terminology in civil proceedings which have occurred from 1998 onwards.

Blackstone's Civil Practice does not deal with family proceedings or with civil proceedings ancillary to criminal matters.

Procedural checklists

Starting on page 1 there are 38 procedural checklists which summarise the steps to be taken in the most commonly encountered stages of a civil claim.

Source-focused appendices

Appendices 1 to 4 of *Blackstone's Civil Practice* are source-focused. Appendix 1 gives the complete, up-to-date text of the Civil Procedure Rules and supplementing practice directions. Pre-action protocols are in appendix 2. Appendix 3 is court fees orders. Appendix 4 gives the up-to-date text of the principal statutes relating to civil procedure. Each appendix begins with a list of its contents.

Abbreviations

ADR alternative dispute resolution

ATE after-the-event

Brussels I Regulation Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001 CCA 1974 Consumer Credit Act 1974

CCR County Court Rules 1981 (SI 1981/1687) as amended, or as

re-enacted in CPR, sch. 2

CDDA 1986 Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986

CFA conditional fee agreement

CJEU Court of Justice of the European Union
CJJA 1982 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982

CLS Community Legal Service

CPFO Civil Proceedings Fees Order 2008 (SI 2008/1053)

CPR Civil Procedure Rules 1998 (SI 1998/3132)

CRU Compensation Recovery Unit
DCS debtor-creditor-supplier

ECHR European Court of Human Rights
EEO European enforcement order

EL/PL Protocol Pre-Action Protocol for Low Value Personal Injury

(Employers' Liability and Public Liability) Claims

EOP European order for payment
ESCP European small claims procedure

Final Report Lord Woolf, Access to Justice. Final Report

(London: HMSO, 1996)

GLO group litigation order

Interim Report Lord Woolf, Access to Justice. Interim Report (London: Lord

Chancellor's Department, 1995)

IR 1986 Insolvency Rules 1986 (SI 1986/1925)

IVA individual voluntary arrangement

Jackson Report Sir Rupert Jackson's Review of Civil Litigation Costs: Final

Report (London: TSO, 2010)

LA 1980 Limitation Act 1980

LAA Legal Aid Agency

LEI legal expenses insurance

LSC legal expenses insurance
LSC Legal Services Commission

MF McKenzie friend

MIB Motor Insurers' Bureau

ord. order
para. paragraph
paras paragraphs

Abbreviations

PD Practice Direction. PD followed by a number is a practice

direction supplementing the Part of the CPR with that

number.

PD Directors

Disqualification Proceedings

Practice Direction — Directors Disqualification Proceedings

PD Insolvency Proceedings

Practice Direction — Insolvency Proceedings Practice Direction — Pre-action Conduct

PD Pre-action Conduct

rule

RCI

Royal Courts of Justice

RLSC

regional legal services committee

II.

rules

RSC

Rules of the Supreme Court 1965 (SI 1965/1776) as

amended, or as re-enacted in CPR, sch. 1

RTA

road traffic accident

RTA Protocol

Pre-action Protocol for Low Value Personal Injury Claims in

Road Traffic Accidents

S.

section

SCCO

Senior Courts Costs Office

sch.

schedule

SCR

Supreme Court Rules 2009 (SI 2009/1603)

Service Regulation

Regulation (EU) No. 1348/2000

SoGA 1979

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Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973

SoGSA 1982

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TCC TFEU

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WFO

worldwide freezing order

Woolf Report

Lord Woolf, Access to Justice: Final Report

(London: HMSO, 1996)

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