



JUDICIARY OF
ENGLAND AND WALES

CHIEF REGISTRAR BRIGGS
INSOLVENCY AND COMPANIES COURT JUDGE

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To court users

I write to inform you that with effect from 26 February 2018 the Bankruptcy Registrars of the High Court will be renamed Insolvency and Companies Court Judges. In Court they shall be addressed simply as “Judge”. Sir Geoffrey Vos, the Chancellor, stated in a presentation to the Insolvency Lawyer’s Association in 2016, and repeated in a recent speech to the Singapore Supreme Court: “they are soon to be renamed Insolvency and Companies Court Judges to reflect their vital role in dealing with insolvency litigation”. The name change is descriptive of their work.

The Insolvency and Companies Court Judges are the only judges in the country who spend 100% of their time hearing insolvency and company matters. In November 2017 their work expanded to hear appeals in corporate insolvency and corporate law, where the first hearing or trial is heard by a District Judge sitting in the South-Eastern Circuit. The introduction of the 2018 Insolvency Practice Direction is imminent and will further expand their insolvency jurisdiction.