



UK Supreme Court



Judicial Committee of the Privy Council

Supplementary Panel Judicial Complaints Procedure

1. Any complaint against a member of the Supplementary Panel (“Panel member”) when acting in that capacity, by whomever received, shall in the first instance be passed to the Chief Executive. Complaints must be made within three months of the date for matters about which the complaint is being made. If the complaint relates only to the effect of a judicial decision or discloses no ground of complaint calling for consideration, the Chief Executive, if she thinks it appropriate, shall take no action save to inform the complainant that no action will be taken.
2. In any other case the Chief Executive shall refer the complaint to the President. The President shall then consult the next senior member of the court to whom the complaint does not relate and, having done so, may: (i) take no action; or (ii) bring the complaint to the notice of the Panel member who is the subject of the complaint and resolve the matter informally; or (iii) consider taking further action as described in paragraphs 3 and 4 below. In the event of either (i) or (ii) being pursued the reasons for that action being taken should be recorded and filed. The complainant will be informed of the decision and the reasons for it.
3. Consideration of taking further action will be appropriate, whether or not any complaint is made, where (i) a Panel member’s conduct appears to be such as to throw serious doubt on that member’s continuing fitness to remain on the Supplementary Panel or (ii) a Panel member is convicted of any offence which might reasonably be thought to throw serious doubt on that member’s character, integrity or continuing fitness to sit as a member of the Supplementary Panel. Where further action is under consideration the President shall inform the Panel member whose conduct is in question of that fact and of the matters alleged against him or her. The Panel member will have an opportunity to make representations to the President.
4. Having taken steps listed in paragraph 3 above, the President may, if he considers it appropriate to do so, ask the Panel member to resign from the supplementary panel in accordance with the undertaking given by that member before being appointed to the supplementary panel. If the Panel member does not resign, the President may choose not to invite the Panel member to act as a judge of the Court.