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**Civil litigation and evidence:  
Bar Training Syllabus  
2026-2027**

**Syllabus Texts**

'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026  
The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025)

## Introduction

The syllabus for the centrally set assessments in Civil Litigation is based on the principle that the Civil Litigation course should prepare students for pupillage and the early years of practice at the Civil Bar, and that the syllabus should focus upon the fundamental principles, key rules and core elements of civil litigation and civil dispute resolution.

The Civil Litigation syllabus is assessed in two papers. Paper 1 is a closed book assessment, covering all topic areas of the extended syllabus. Paper 2 is an open book assessment, again covering all topic areas of the extended syllabus, into which candidates are able to take Volumes 1 and 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book).

The syllabus makes clear what material may be examinable in both Papers 1 and 2 and is derived from Volumes 1 and 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026, and (for Paper 1 only) The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025) Oxford University Press.

The following general principles should be noted when reading the syllabus:

- Where a Civil Procedure Rule, Practice Direction or paragraph in the editorial introduction and/or commentary in the White Book refers to another source, that other source is **not** on the syllabus unless indicated to the contrary elsewhere in the syllabus.
- If a rule 'A' or 'B' etc of the Civil Procedure Rules and/or a paragraph 'A' or 'B' etc of a Practice Direction is not expressly indicated as being on the syllabus (as is the case with CPR 3.1A at SA 13) it does **not** form part of the syllabus.

It should also be noted that the cut-off date for syllabus content is 6 April 2026, the date to which the material in the White Book 2026 is up to date. Students assessed on the current syllabus will not be tested upon material appearing in the White Book 2026 Supplements.

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## Required Content for the Centrally Set Assessments in Civil Litigation 2026-2027

### 1 General Matters

1. the overriding objective
2. the duty of the court to manage cases
3. general principles of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
4. timing the use of ADR

#### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the overriding objective will consist of the overriding objective; application by the court of the overriding objective; and the duty of the parties to help the court to further the overriding objective. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 1.1-1.3.
2. Examinable material on the duty of the court to manage cases will consist of the duty of the court to manage cases; encouraging co-operation between parties; and helping parties to settle and mandating and encouraging the use of ADR; The relevant material is addressed in CPR 1.4; and the commentary on the overriding objective at paragraphs 1.4.4, 1.4.9 and of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on general principles of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) will consist of general principles of ADR; motivations for the use of ADR; criteria for the selection of an ADR option; when ADR may not be appropriate; roles and responsibilities of lawyers and parties in ADR; duties under the Civil Procedure Rules; the role of a lawyer in advising on ADR; authority to settle; the approach of the courts to ADR; judicial encouragement of ADR; case management powers and ADR; directions questionnaires and ADR; granting stays for ADR; sanctions for refusing to engage in ADR processes; unreasonable refusal to consider ADR; other factors considered by the court; silence in the face of an invitation to use ADR; practical steps which should be taken by a party to avoid sanctions; and the power of the court to order ADR. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs; 2.30-2.61; 4.02-4.03, 4.07-4.08; 9.05, 9.21, 9.23-9.26; and 11.07-11.23, 11.60-11.62, and 11.64-11.65 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025) and in the commentary at paragraphs 14-1 (first sub-paragraph ending "... on the power articulated by the Court of Appeal.") and 14-6 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026. Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authorities by name: *Halsey* and *Churchill*.
4. Examinable material on timing the use of ADR will consist of timing the use of ADR in relation to the progress of a case; procedural factors relevant to timing; the use of ADR at an interim stage; and practical factors relevant to timing. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 3.04-3.11, 3.14-3.16, and 3.24-3.34 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

### **Explanatory material which will NOT be assessed**

To complement understanding of the examinable material set out above, students may find it helpful to be familiar with paragraphs 1.01-1.10; 2.02-2.24; 2.27; and 11.01-11.03 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 2 Limitation

1. accrual of causes of action
2. limitation periods in cases of tort, latent damage, personal injury, fatal accident, contract, and contribution claims

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on accrual of causes of action will include date from which limitation calculated; and date when action 'brought'. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraphs 8-3.1 and 8-3.2 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on limitation periods in cases of tort, latent damage, personal injury, fatal accident, contract, and contribution claims will consist of time limit for actions founded on tort; time limit for actions founded on simple contract; special time limit for claiming contribution; special time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries; special time limit for actions under Fatal Accidents legislation; definition of date of knowledge for actions in respect of personal injuries and actions under Fatal Accidents legislation; special time limit for negligence actions where facts relevant to cause of action are not known at date of accrual; knowledge of the claimant in negligence actions; overriding time limit for negligence actions not involving personal injuries; time limit for actions to enforce judgments; extension of limitation period in case of disability; postponement of limitation period in case of fraud, concealment or mistake; and discretionary exclusion of time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries or death. The relevant material is addressed in the Limitation Act 1980 sections 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 14A, 14B, 24, 28, 32, 33(1), 33(2), 33(3), 33(4), 33(5), 33(6), 33(7) and 38(2), which are to be found between paragraphs 8-4 and 8-119 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and in the commentary at 8-38 and the first two sub-paragraphs at 8-43 (ending "... the claimant was unaware of any valid basis for the claim.") of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

### 3 Pre-action Conduct

1. the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols
2. the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims
3. consequences of non-compliance
4. ADR prior to the issue of proceedings

#### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols will consist of the objectives of pre-action conduct and protocols; proportionality; steps before issuing a claim at court; experts; stocktake and list of issues; limitation; application of the protocols; and pre-action applications. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 1-7, 12 and 17 of the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraphs C1-001 to C1-005, C1-007 and C1-009 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and in the commentary on the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraphs C1A-005 and C1A-007 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims will consist of the general aim of the protocol; letter of notification; letter of claim; the response; disclosure; negotiations following an admission; alternative dispute resolution; quantification of loss; and stocktake. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 1.1, 1.4-1.7, 2.1, 3.1-3.3, 5.1-7.11, 8.1-8.2, 9.1 and 10-11 of the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims at paragraphs C2-001 to C2-006, C2-008 to C2-014 and C2-015 to C2-016 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and in the commentary on the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims at paragraphs C2-003.1 and C2-012.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on consequences of non-compliance will consist of compliance with the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols and the Protocols; the court's role in compliance with the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols and protocols; insufficient response to a proposal to use ADR; potential justifications for non-compliance with pre-action requirements; failure to comply with pre-action protocols; and silence in the face of an invitation to use ADR. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 13-16 of the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraph C1-008 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5 of the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims at paragraph C2-001 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; the commentary on the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraph C1A-006 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 8.23-8.25, 11.05-11.06 and 11.61 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).
4. Examinable material on ADR prior to the issue of proceedings will consist of settlement and ADR; alternative dispute resolution under the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal

Injury Claims; ADR where no proceedings have been issued. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 8-11 of the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraph C1-006 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; paragraph 9 of the Pre-Action Protocol for Personal Injury Claims at paragraph C2-014 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraph 8.03 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

**Explanatory material which will NOT be assessed:**

To complement understanding of the examinable material set out above, students may find it helpful to be familiar with the commentary on the Practice Direction - Pre-Action Conduct and Protocols at paragraphs C1A-001, C1A-002 and C1A-004 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 8.01-8.02; and 11.01-11.03 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 4. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Adjudicative Options

1. arbitration
2. expert (or neutral) determination

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on arbitration will consist of fundamental concepts in arbitration; arbitration requirements; starting the arbitration claim; arbitration claim form; stay of legal proceedings; commencement; procedure in arbitrations; privacy and confidentiality; arbitration awards; enforcement of awards; and appeals. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 62.2-62.4 and 62.8 at Section 2E-8 to 2E-11 and 2E-16 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; section 9 of the Arbitration Act 1996 at paragraph 2E-104 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; the commentary on section 9 of the Arbitration Act 1996 at paragraphs 2E-107 (first three sub-paragraphs ending "... contained in a prior contract between the parties"), 2E-111 (first two sub-paragraphs to "... only conditionally on their stay application failing") and 2E-112 (first sub-paragraph to "The standard of proof is the balance of probabilities") of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 25.01-25.26 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).
2. Examinable material on expert (or neutral) determination will consist of expert determination; cases suitable for expert determination; contractual nature of expert determination; expert determination procedure; nature of the decision in expert determination; ignoring an expert determination clause; grounds for challenging the decision; procedure for making a challenge; and enforcing a decision. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 24.01-24.07, 24.09-24.10, 24.15, 24.19, 24.24-24.26, 24.34, and 24.56-24.57 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 5. Alternative Dispute Resolution: Non-Adjudicative Options

1. early neutral evaluation
2. conciliation and mediation

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on early neutral evaluation will consist of early neutral evaluation; the stage at which early neutral evaluation should be employed; when early neutral evaluation should be used; early neutral evaluation procedure; and judicial evaluation. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 22.01-22.07, 22.10-22.13 and 22.15 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).
2. Examinable material on conciliation and mediation will consist of conciliation; general principles of mediation; disputes suitable for mediation; the timing of mediation; persuading a reluctant party to consider mediation; the mediator's role at the mediation; ethical conduct required of the mediator; confidentiality in mediation; the without prejudice rule in mediation; legal advice privilege in mediation; attendees at the mediation; the position statements; the key supporting documents; and the stages in mediation. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 2.27, 23.03, 13.08-13.16, 13.24-13.27, 13.32-13.42, 13.47-13.62, 14.49, 14.61, 14.73-14.74, and 15.04-15.05 (including Figure 15.1) of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

### Explanatory material which will NOT be assessed:

To complement understanding of the examinable material set out above, students may find it helpful to be familiar with paragraphs 13.22-13.23, and 13.29-13.31 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 6 Commencing Proceedings

1. the Part 7 procedure
2. validity, extension and service of claim forms
3. service of other court documents within the jurisdiction
4. the Part 8 procedure

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the Part 7 procedure will consist of where to start proceedings; how to start proceedings; the right to use one claim form to start two or more claims; start of proceedings; and statement of truth. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 7.2-7.3; CPR 7.4; PD7A paragraphs 1, 2.1-2.6, 6.1-6.5, 10.1-10.2 and 11.1-11.2; the commentary in the first sub-paragraph of 7.6.2 (to “v) ... in accordance with the overriding objective.”), and the first sub-paragraph of 7.6.3 (ending “... had been accepted”) of Volume 1 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026; and articles 4, 4A, 5 and 9 of the High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991 (SI 1991/724), at paragraphs 9B-935 to 9B-935.2 and 9B-948 of Volume 2 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on validity, extension and service of claim forms will consist of service of a claim form; extension of time for serving a claim form; methods of service; who is to serve the claim form; personal service; general provisions regarding where to serve the claim form; service on a solicitor within the United Kingdom; service of the claim form where before service the defendant gives an address at which the defendant may be served; service of the claim form where the defendant does not give an address at which the defendant may be served; deemed service; service of the claim form by an alternative method or at an alternative place; when service may be by document exchange (DX); how service is effected by post, an alternative service provider or DX; service by fax or other electronic means; personal service on a company or other corporation; service by the court; and application for an order for service by an alternative method or at an alternative place. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 6.1-6.7(1), 6.8-6.9 and 6.14-6.15; CPR 7.5(1) and 7.6; and PD6A paragraphs 1.1-4.3, 6.1-6.2 and 8.1-9.3.
3. Examinable material on service of other court documents within the jurisdiction will consist of methods of service; who is to serve; personal service; service on children and protected parties; deemed service; service by an alternative method or at an alternative place; when service may be by document exchange (DX); how service is effected by post, an alternative service provider or DX; service by fax or other electronic means; service by the court; and deemed service of a document other than a claim form. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 6.20-6.22 and 6.25-6.27; and PD6A paragraphs 1.1-4.3, 8.1 and 10 (including the editorial note and table at 10.1).

4. Examinable material on the alternative procedure for claims under Part 8 CPR will consist of the types of claim in which the Part 8 procedure may be used; contents of the claim form; acknowledgement of service; consequence of not filing an acknowledgement of service; filing and serving written evidence; evidence in Part 8 claims; procedure where the defendant objects to use of the Part 8 procedure; and modifications to the general rules. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 8.1-8.2, 8.3-8.4, 8.5-8.6 and 8.8-8.9.

## 7 Parties

1. partnerships, sole traders, LLPs and companies, trusts and deceased persons
2. children and persons suffering from mental incapacity

### **Examinable Material**

1. Examinable material on partnerships, sole traders, LLPs and companies, trusts and deceased persons will consist of bringing claims against partnerships, sole traders, LLPs and companies; bringing claims against trusts and deceased persons; representation of beneficiaries by trustees, executors or administrators; and death. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 7.2A; CPR 19.10 and 19.12; and PD7A paragraphs 7.1-7.3 and 9.1-9.2.
2. Examinable material on children and persons suffering from mental incapacity will consist of bringing and settling proceedings involving children and protected parties; the requirement for a litigation friend in proceedings by or against children and protected parties; the stage of proceedings at which a litigation friend becomes necessary; who may be a litigation friend without a court order; compromise etc by or on behalf of a child or protected party; and control of money recovered by or on behalf of a child or protected party. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 21.1-21.4 and 21.10-21.11(1)-(4).

## 8 Statements of Case

1. claim forms and particulars of claim
2. acknowledgement of service, defences, replies, counterclaims

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on claim forms and particulars of claim will consist of the claim form; contents of the claim form; statement of value to be included in the claim form; particulars of claim; contents of the particulars of claim; particulars of claim in personal injury claims; other matters to be included in particulars of claim; matters which must be specifically set out in the particulars of claim if relied on. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 16.1-16.2, 16.3(1)-(3) and (5)-(7), 16.4; PD 16 paragraphs 1.1-3.2, 4.1-4.3 and 7-9; and section 35A Senior Courts Act 1981 and section 69 County Courts Act 1984, at paragraphs 9A-122 and 9A-554 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on acknowledgement of service, defences, replies, counterclaims will consist of acknowledgement of service; consequence of not filing an acknowledgement of service; the period for filing an acknowledgement of service; defending the claim; contents of defence; matters which must be included in the defence; the effects of failing to deal with an allegation; statement of truth; defence of set-off; reply to defence; court's power to dispense with statements of case; filing a defence; consequence of not filing a defence; period for filing a defence; agreement extending the period for filing a defence; service of copy of defence; making a counterclaim; reply to defence; no statement of case after a reply to be filed without court's permission; claimant's notice where defence is that money claimed has been paid; and claim stayed if it is not defended or admitted. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 10.1-10.3(1); CPR 16.5-16.8; CPR 15.1-15.11; PD16 paragraphs 9-12; and the commentary at paragraph 15.8.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## **9 Multiple Causes of Action, Counterclaims and Other Additional Claims**

1. multiple causes of action and multiple parties
2. counterclaims against the claimant or an additional party
3. contribution notices and claims against third parties and fourth parties

## Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on multiple causes of action and multiple parties will consist of the number of claimants and defendants who may be joined as parties to a claim; the general provisions regarding changes of parties; provisions applicable where two or more persons are jointly entitled to a remedy; the procedure for adding and substituting parties; and special provisions about adding or substituting parties after the end of a relevant limitation period. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 19.1-19.4; CPR 19.6; the commentary at paragraphs 19.6.1, 19.6.2, 19.6.3 (first two sub-paragraphs ending "... if a new party is substituted"), 19.6.4 (first two sub-paragraphs to "The application of the *Sardinia Sulcis* test does not infringe ECHR art.6") and 19.6.5 (first sub-paragraph ending "... as that against the original party.") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and Limitation Act 1980 section 35, at paragraph 8-102 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on counterclaims against the claimant or an additional party will consist of defendant's counterclaim against the claimant; counterclaim against a person other than the claimant; procedure for making any other additional claim; service of claim form; matters relevant to question of whether an additional claim should be separate from the claim; effect of service of an additional claim; cases where the court's permission to make an additional claim is required; applications for permission to issue an additional claim; case management where there is a defence to an additional claim; form of counterclaim; and titles of proceedings where there are additional claims. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 20.1-5 and 20.7-10; PD 20 paragraphs 1-5; and Limitation Act 1980 section 35, at paragraph 8-102 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on contribution notices and claims against third parties and fourth parties will consist of defendant's additional claim for contribution or indemnity from another party; procedure for making any other additional claim; service of claim form; matters relevant to question of whether an additional claim should be separate from the claim; effect of service of an additional claim; cases where the court's permission to make an additional claim is required; applications for permission to issue an additional claim; case management where there is a defence to an additional claim; and titles of proceedings where there are additional claims. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 20.1-3 and 20.6-10; PD 20 paragraphs 1-3 and 5; and Limitation Act 1980 section 35, at paragraph 8-102 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 10 Amendment

1. permission or consent to amend
2. costs consequences of amendment

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on permission or consent to amend will consist of amendments to statements of case; the power of the court to disallow amendments made without permission; amendments to statements of case with the permission of the court; general principles for grant of permission to amend; need to show some prospects of success; late amendments; amendments to statements of case after the end of a relevant limitation period; and correcting name of party. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 17.1-17.2, 17.3 and 17.4; PD17 paragraphs 1-2; the commentary at paragraphs 17.3.5 (first six sub-paragraphs ending "... has received only peripheral attention to date" and tenth sub-paragraph beginning "The fact one defendant agrees..."), 17.3.6 (excluding the final sub-paragraph beginning "Care must be taken to assess ..."), 17.3.8 (first five sub-paragraphs ending "... would be much delayed" (at [44]).") and 17.4.5 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and Limitation Act 1980 section 35, at paragraph 8-102 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on costs consequences of amendment will consist of the responsibility of a party for the costs of and arising from amendment. The relevant material is addressed in the words immediately underneath the heading of PD17, which read as follows: "A party applying for an amendment will usually be responsible for the costs of and arising from the amendment".

## 11 Further Information

1. requests for further information
2. responding to a request for further information

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on requests for further information will consist of obtaining further information; preliminary requests for further information or clarification; applications for orders under Part 18; the court's discretion; and restriction on the use of further information. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 18.1 and 18.2; PD18 paragraphs 1 and 5; the editorial introduction at paragraph 18.0.1 (first two sub-paragraphs ending "... or on an application by a party.") and the commentary at paragraph 18.1.10 (first sub-paragraph to "... information as to identity of intermediary where anonymity guaranteed.") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on responding to a request for further information will consist of responding to a request; statements of truth; and general matters. The relevant material is addressed in PD 18 paragraphs 2-4.

## 12 Default Judgment and Summary Judgment

1. default judgment
2. applications to set aside
3. summary judgment

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on default judgment will consist of meaning of default judgment; claims in which default judgment may not be obtained; conditions to be satisfied; procedure for obtaining default judgment; nature of judgment where default judgment obtained by filing a request; interest; default judgment in claim against more than one defendant; the effect of rule 12.9; and default judgment obtained by making an application. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 12.1-12.5, 12.7, 12.9 and 12.11(a); and the commentary at paragraph 12.9.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on applications to set aside will consist of cases where the court must set aside default judgment; cases where the court may set aside or vary default judgment; the effect of rule 13.3; 'some other good reason' under rule 13.3(1)(b); the need to act promptly under rule 13.3(2); the effects of the court's approach following implementation of Jackson; and the procedure for applications to set aside or vary default judgments. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 13.1-13.2, 13.3 and 13.4; and the commentary at paragraphs 13.3.1-13.3.3 and 13.3.5 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on summary judgment will consist of types of proceedings in which summary judgment is available; grounds for summary judgment; 'no real prospect of succeeding'; no real prospect of success; no mini-trial; whether evidence can reasonably be expected to be available at trial; short points of law and construction; burdens of proof; 'no other compelling reason why the case or issue should be disposed of at a trial'; effect of a set off or counterclaim; no set off in action on dishonoured bill or cheque; timing of applications and hearing; application notice and evidence; disposal of applications; orders which the court may make; judgment on the claim or on an issue therein; the striking out or dismissal of the claim; the dismissal of the application; a conditional order; conditional orders for payment into court or security for costs; an order dealing with costs; failure to attend the hearing/setting aside order for summary judgment; and case management. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 24.1, 24.2, 24.3, 24.4(1), (4) and (5), 24.5 (1), (3) and (4), and 24.6; and in the commentary at paragraphs 24.3.2, 24.3.2.1, 24.3.2.2 (first sub-paragraph to "... is provided by the decision of the Supreme Court in *Okpabi v Royal Dutch Shell...*"); 24.3.2.3 (first sub-paragraph ending "... relevant to whether the claim has a real prospect of success"), 24.3.2.4, 24.3.3, 24.3.4, 24.3.5, 24.3.6, 24.6.1, 24.6.2 (first two sub-paragraphs to "... until after the trial of the counterclaim"), 24.6.3-24.6.5, 24.6.6 (first sub-paragraph to "5. ... for all

or most of the sum claimed as a condition of being allowed to defend.”), 24.6.7, 24.6.8 and 24.6.9 of Volume 1 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.

## 13 Case Management, Sanctions, Striking Out and Discontinuance

1. the small claims track, fast track, intermediate track and multi-track
2. allocation and assignment
3. case management
4. costs management
5. directions
6. relief from sanctions
7. striking out a claim
8. discontinuance

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the small claims track, fast track, intermediate track and multi-track will consist of the scope of the small claims track, fast track, intermediate track and multi-track. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 26.9 (1)(a)(i) and (ii)(cc), 26.9(2), 26.9(4)-(9), 26.9(10)(b)(i) and 26.9(12) and in the commentary at paragraph 26.9.1 (first sub-paragraph ending "... in the interests of justice to do so.") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on allocation and assignment will consist of allocation and assignment; allocation - general; matters relevant to allocation to a track; notice of allocation and assignment; reallocation and reassignment; allocation and assignment principles; and the fast track - allocation and case management. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 26.1, 26.7(1)-(2) and (4)-(6), 26.12(1), 26.13, 26.17 and 26.18; and PD 26 paragraphs 14 and 16.
3. Examinable material on case management will consist of calculating periods of time for doing acts specified by the Civil Procedure Rules, a practice direction, or a judgment or order of the court; variation of time limits by the parties; the court's general powers of management; case management in proceedings where at least one party is unrepresented; the court's power to make orders of its own initiative; and judgment without trial after striking out. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 2.8 and 2.11; CPR 3.1, 3.1A, 3.3 and 3.5.
4. Examinable material on costs management will consist of the purpose of costs management; filing and exchanging budgets and budget discussion reports; the effect of failure to file a budget; costs management orders; revision and variation of costs budgets on account of significant developments ('variation costs'); costs management conferences; court to have regard to budgets and to take account of costs; assessing costs on the standard basis where a costs management order has been made; production of costs budgets; documents to be lodged for costs budgeting purposes; budget format and costs management orders. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 3.12-3.18 (including CPR 3.15A); PD 3D paragraphs 3-5

and 12; and in the commentary at paragraph 3.14.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

5. Examinable material on directions will consist of directions questionnaire; stay to allow for settlement of the case; general provisions applying to fast track and intermediate track; variation of case management timetable; directions; case management conference on intermediate track; agreement of directions on intermediate track; directions on the intermediate track; case management in multi-track cases; case management conference and pre-trial review; steps taken by the parties; variation of case management timetable in multi-track cases; pre-trial check list (listing questionnaire); form and purpose of the pre-trial check list; pre-trial review; setting a trial timetable and confirming the trial date or week; conduct of trial; general provisions regarding case management in multi-track cases; directions on allocation; case management conferences; variation of directions; failure to comply with case management directions; and the trial. The relevant material is addressed in and CPR 26.4(1)-(3), (5)-(9) and (11), CPR 26.5, CPR 28.2, CPR 28.3, CPR 28.7, CPR 28.12, CPR 28.13, CPR 28.14, CPR 29.1-29.9; in PD 29 paragraph 3.1(1) and (2)(a), 3.2, 3.3 and 3.10(1), paragraph 4.2, 4.3, 4.5 and 4.11, paragraph 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5 and 5.8, paragraph 6, paragraph 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4, and paragraph 10.1 and 10.2; and in the commentary at paragraphs 28.2.2 and 29.6.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026 .
6. Examinable material on relief from sanctions will consist of the rule that sanctions have effect unless the defaulting party obtains relief; the court's general discretion to give relief from sanctions imposed for failure to comply with a rule, practice direction or court order; the effect of rule 3.8; the effect of rule 3.9 in general terms; the formulation of the rule since April 2013; summary of guidance given in *Denton*; the first stage: assess seriousness and significance of breach; the second stage: why the default occurred; no good reason for breach; the third stage: all the circumstances of the case , including r.3.9(1)(a) and (b); the importance of discouraging opportunism by the non-defaulting party; effect of *Denton* principles on applications to set aside default judgments; and effects of court's approach following implementation of Jackson. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 3.8 and 3.9; and in the commentary at paragraphs 3.8.1, 3.9.1, 3.9.2-3.9.5, 3.9.5.1 (first sub-paragraph to "... to ensure that tasks were properly completed"), 3.9.6-3.9.8 and 13.3.5 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026. Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authority by name: *Denton*.
7. Examinable material on striking out a claim will consist of court's power to strike out a statement of case; effect of rule; statement of case discloses no reasonable grounds for bringing or defending the claim; statement of case is an abuse of the court's process or is otherwise likely to obstruct the just disposal of the proceedings; res judicata; the rule in *Henderson v Henderson*; collateral attacks upon earlier decisions; and striking out sanction effective without need for further order ('unless' orders). The relevant material is addressed in CPR 3.4; and in the commentary at paragraphs 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, 3.4.5, the first four sub-paragraphs of 3.4.6 (to "... the

question whether the claimant should have brought their claim as part of the earlier proceedings”), the first sub-paragraph of 3.4.9 (ending “... in the court in which it was made.”) and paragraph 3.4.19 of Volume 1 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.

8. Examinable material on discontinuance will consist of the right of the claimant to discontinue all or part of a claim; the procedure for discontinuing; the right to apply to have notice of discontinuance set aside; when discontinuance takes effect where permission of the court is not needed; liability for costs; and discontinuance and subsequent proceedings. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 38.1-7.

## 14 Disclosure and Inspection of Documents

1. disclosure and inspection of documents
2. specific disclosure
3. collateral use of disclosed documents
4. pre-action disclosure
5. disclosure against non-parties
6. legal professional privilege and without prejudice communications in civil cases

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on disclosure and inspection of documents will consist of the rules about disclosure and inspection; the meaning of disclosure; the right of inspection of a disclosed document; cases where a party considers that it would be disproportionate to permit inspection of a disclosed document; the meaning of document; standard disclosure; documents to be disclosed under standard disclosure; documents which 'adversely affect' and 'support'; categories of documents; disclosure in particular types of cases and circumstances; redaction of irrelevant material; duty of search; duty of disclosure limited to documents which are or have been in a party's control; disclosure of copies; procedure for standard disclosure; the rule that the duty of disclosure continues during proceedings; the right to inspect a document mentioned in a statement of case, witness statement, witness summary, affidavit or expert's report; inspection and copying of documents; the consequence of failure to disclose documents or permit inspection; false disclosure statements; extent of the reasonable search for documents; electronic disclosure; the disclosure list; disclosure statement; inspection of documents mentioned in an expert's report; and consequences of a false disclosure statement. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.1-31.11, 31.14-15, 31.21 and 31.23; PD 31A paragraphs 1-2, 2A, 3-4 and 7-8; and the commentary at paragraphs 31.3.4, 31.6.2-31.6.4 and 31.6.8 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on specific disclosure will consist of specific disclosure or inspection; the timing of an application for specific disclosure or inspection; and the discretion of the court to make an order for specific disclosure or inspection. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.12; PD 31A paragraph 5; and the commentary at paragraphs 31.12.1.1 and 31.12.2 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on collateral use of disclosed documents will consist of subsequent use of disclosed documents and completed Electronic Documents Questionnaires. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.22.
4. Examinable material on pre-action disclosure will consist of disclosure before proceedings start; the scope of documents covered by pre-action disclosure; the two-stage approach taken by the court in dealing with applications for pre-action

disclosure; the relevance of merits of the future claim; and other powers of the court to order disclosure. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.16 and 31.18; and the commentary at paragraphs 31.16.3, 31.16.4 (first sub-paragraph ending "... and Carillion at [68].") and 31.16.5 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

5. Examinable material on disclosure against non-parties will consist of orders for disclosure against a person not a party; the discretion of the court to make an order for third party disclosure; documents likely to support the case of the applicant or adversely affect the case of another party to the proceedings; the necessity of disclosure to fairly dispose of the claim or save costs; other powers of the court to order disclosure; the *Norwich Pharmacal* principle regarding disclosure of the identity of a wrongdoer; the requirements for *Norwich Pharmacal* relief; the nature of the wrongs covered; the need for an order to assert rights against the wrongdoer; connection to the wrongdoing; defences. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.17 and 31.18; the editorial introduction at paragraph 31.17.1 and the commentary at paragraphs 31.17.2.1 (first two sub-paragraphs ending "... for some other reason."), 31.17.3, 31.17.4, 31.18.2, 31.18.3 (first sub-paragraph to "d... ('the Overall Justice Condition').") and 31.18.4-31.18.7 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and in section 34 of the Senior Courts Act 1981 and section 53 of the County Courts Act 1984 at paragraphs 9A-115 and 9A-506 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026. Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authority by name: *Norwich Pharmacal*.
6. Examinable material on legal professional privilege and without prejudice communications in civil cases will consist of the right of inspection of a disclosed document; legal professional privilege; legal advice privilege; litigation privilege: communications between solicitor and non-professional agent or third party; litigation privilege: communications between client and non-professional agent or third party; legal professional privilege: pre-existing documents, copies or extracts; waiver or loss of privilege; 'without prejudice' communications; claims to withhold inspection or disclosure of a document; restriction on the use of a privileged document inspection of which has been inadvertently allowed; legal professional privilege and ADR; and the 'without prejudice' principle in ADR. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 31.3, 31.19, 31.20; PD 31A paragraph 6; the commentary at paragraphs 31.3.5-31.3.6, 31.3.8, 31.3.9 (first three sub-paragraphs to "... is privileged and excluded from inspection (*Waugh v British Railways Board...*)"), 31.3.11, 31.3.24 (first eight sub-paragraphs, up to and including the paragraph beginning "If there has been a waiver of privilege...", and also the subsequent paragraphs beginning "The institution of civil proceedings...", "A reference in an affidavit...", "The mere service of a witness statement...", "Reference in a witness statement..." and "Showing a draft witness statement to opposing counsel at court..." at pages 909-910) and 31.3.39 (first six sub-paragraphs, up to and including the paragraph beginning "There is an exception to the without prejudice rule..." and also the subsequent paragraphs beginning "If one party to negotiations...", "Conversely the heading "without prejudice" does not...", "Where a

judge sees privileged or inadmissible material...” and “A letter containing an offer to settle...” at page21) of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 5.15-5.26 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 15 Interim Applications

1. with notice and without notice applications
2. documentation required in interim applications
3. periods of notice in interim applications
4. the duty of full and frank disclosure in without notice applications

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on with notice and without notice applications will consist of general rules about applications for court orders; definitions; where to make an application; time when an application is made; applications which may be decided without a hearing; service of order and application where application made without notice; application to set aside or vary order made without notice; power of the court to proceed in the absence of a party; applications that are totally without merit; applications without service of application notice; claims in the Civil National Business Centre; hearings; court's powers to grant interim remedies; timing; applications and evidence; notice; interim remedy order hearings in private; applications without notice; and form of order. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 23.1-2, 23.5 and 23.8-12; CPR 25.1, 25.2, 25.3, 25.8 and 25.9 (1) to (5); PD 23A paragraphs 3, 5 and 6.1-6.3; and the commentary at paragraphs 25.3.2 and 25.3.4 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on documentation required in interim applications will consist of application notice to be filed; notice of an application; what an application notice must include; service of a copy of the application notice, application notices; giving notice of an application; and evidence. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 23.3-4 and 23.6-7; PD 23A paragraphs 2, 4 and 7; and the commentary at paragraph 25.3.3 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on periods of notice in interim applications will consist of service of a copy of the application notice; and giving notice of an application. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 23.7 and PD23A paragraph 4.
4. Examinable material on the duty of full and frank disclosure in without notice applications will consist of an applicant's disclosure duties where application is made without notice; an applicant's disclosure duties where application made on short notice; discharge of injunction for material non-disclosure; applications to set aside for material non-disclosure not to be made without proper reason; and discharge and re-grant of an injunction. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraphs 25.8.1-25.8.5 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 16 Interim Payments and Security for Costs

1. interim payments
2. security for costs

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on interim payments will consist of the court's powers; applications; evidence; conditions to be satisfied; and restriction on disclosure. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 25.20-23 and 25.25.
2. Examinable material on security for costs will consist of applications for security for costs, and the conditions to be satisfied on an application for security for costs. It will include the discretionary power to order security for costs and the following conditions only: condition (b)(ii): insolvent or impecunious company; and condition (b)(vi): taking steps as to assets which hinder enforcement. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 25.26 and 25.27; the editorial introduction at paragraph 25.26.1, and the commentary at paragraphs 25.27.1, 25.27.2, 25.27.3, 25.27.19 and 25.27.23 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 17 Interim Injunctions

1. interim injunctions
2. *American Cyanamid* principles
3. exceptions and variations to *American Cyanamid*
4. usual undertakings and cross-undertakings

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on interim injunctions will consist of the court's powers; interim injunctions; court's jurisdiction to grant interim injunctions; principles and guidelines to be applied; timing; and applications and evidence. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 25.1, 25.2 and 25.3; the commentary at paragraphs 25.1.13-25.1.15 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026 and the commentary at paragraph 15-4 (first sub-paragraph to "... either unconditionally or on such terms as the court thinks just") of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on *American Cyanamid* principles will consist of the principles and guidelines to be applied by the court in applications for interlocutory injunctions set out in the *American Cyanamid* case; the *American Cyanamid* principles: a serious question to be tried; interim relief pending appeal; the *American Cyanamid* guidelines: adequacy of damages as a remedy and the balance of convenience; stage 1: adequacy as a remedy of damages awarded at trial or payable under undertaking; stage 2: balance of convenience; preserving the status quo ante; and relative strength of each party's case. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraphs 15-7 to 15-8, 15-9.1 (first sub-paragraph to "... have been unsuccessful in asserting their right at trial"), 15-10, 15-11, 15-12, 15-14 and 15-15 (first sub-paragraph ending "... except for the limited purposes permitted by guideline (6).") of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026. Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authority by name: *American Cyanamid*.
3. Examinable material on exceptions and variations to *American Cyanamid* will consist of interlocutory ruling in effect disposing of action finally; likelihood of claimant succeeding at trial; effect of delay to trial; and mandatory injunctions. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraphs 15-17 to 15-18 (first two sub-paragraphs to "It is for the judge to control the extent of the inquiry undertaken"), 15-20 (first sub-paragraph ending "... until the very end of the period of the contractual restriction.") and 15-24 (first five sub-paragraphs ending "(4)... sufficiently outweigh the risk of injustice if it is granted.") of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
4. Examinable material on usual undertakings and cross-undertakings will consist of undertaking by defendants in lieu of injunction; discharge or release from, and appeals in relation to, undertakings; cross-undertaking as to damages; undertakings in interim injunctions generally; and applicant unable to offer credible undertaking. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraphs 25.1.31 to

25.1.32 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and in the commentary at paragraphs 15-25 to 15-27 and 15-30 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 18 Settlement (including offers to settle)

1. negotiation and joint settlement meetings
2. *Calderbank* offers and offers to settle under Part 36
3. withdrawing, reducing and increasing offers to settle
4. consequences of accepting Part 36 offers
5. consequences of failing to obtain judgment more advantageous than offer to settle

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on negotiation and joint settlement meetings will consist of the negotiation process and joint settlement meetings. The relevant material is addressed in 12.03-12.04, 12.13-12.14, 12.16-12.17 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).
2. Examinable material on *Calderbank* offers and offers to settle under Part 36 will consist of Part 36 offers prior to issue of proceedings; Part 36 offers to settle; *Calderbank* offers; formal or technical defects in Part 36 offers; application of Part 36 to appeals; making offers; form and content of a Part 36 offer; formal requirements for a Part 36 offer; Part 36 offers: defendant's offer; and time when a Part 36 offer is made. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 36.1 to 36.7; the commentary at paragraphs 36.2.1, 36.2.4, 36.2.4.1 and 36.5.1-36.5.1.8 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraph 8.07 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025). Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authority by name: *Calderbank*.
3. Examinable material on withdrawing, reducing and increasing offers to settle will consist of clarifying, withdrawing and changing the terms of offers; clarification of a Part 36 offer; withdrawing or changing the terms of a Part 36 offer generally; and withdrawing or changing the terms of a Part 36 offer before the expiry of the relevant period. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 36.8-10.
4. Examinable material on consequences of accepting Part 36 offers will consist of accepting offers; acceptance of a Part 36 offer; costs consequences of acceptance of a Part 36 offer; the effect of the rule; recoverable pre-action costs; claimant's entitlement to costs of claim to which offer relates; costs to be determined by the court; other effects of acceptance of a Part 36 offer; and acceptance of a Part 36 offer made by one or more, but not all, defendants. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 36.11, 36.13, 36.14-15; and the commentary at paragraphs 36.13.1-36.13.4 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
5. Examinable material on consequences of failing to obtain judgment more advantageous than offer to settle will consist of unaccepted offers; restriction on disclosure of a Part 36 offer; costs consequences following judgment; more or at least as advantageous judgment; recoverable pre-action costs; defendant's offer;

claimant's offer; unless the court considers it unjust to do so; genuine attempt to settle proceedings; and costs consequences following judgment. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 36.16, 36.17 and 36.24 (4) and (5); and the commentary at paragraphs 36.17.1-36.17.4, 36.17.5, 36.17.6, 36.24.1 and 36.24.2 (to "... with a fixed uplift in costs of 35%.") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 19 Evidence of Fact

1. evidence of fact in civil proceedings
2. witness statements and witness summonses
3. notices to admit facts and notices to prove documents

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on evidence of fact in civil proceedings will consist of the power of the court to control evidence; the general rule regarding evidence of witnesses; evidence by video link or other means; evidence in proceedings other than at trial; order for cross-examination; false statements; affidavit evidence; form of affidavit; evidence by deposition; evidence by video link as an alternative to obtaining a deposition; conduct of examination; and use of deposition at a hearing. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 32.1-3, 32.6, 32.7, 32.14, 32.15-16; CPR 34.8-9 and 34.11; and the commentary at paragraph 34.8.6 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on witness statements and witness summonses will consist of requirement to serve witness statements for use at trial; use at trial of witness statements which have been served; witness statements as evidence in chief; amplification of evidence; witness not called; use of witness statements where party fails to attend trial; form of witness statement; witness summaries; effect of rule 32.9; consequence of failure to serve witness statement or summary; cross-examination on a witness statement; use of witness statements for other purposes; availability of witness statements for inspection; witness summonses; issue of a witness summons; witness summons in aid of inferior court or of tribunal; time for serving a witness summons; who is to serve a witness summons; and right of witness to travelling expenses and compensation for loss of time. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 32.4, 32.5, 32.8-13; CPR 34.1-7; and the commentary at paragraphs 32.5.1-32.5.3.1 and 32.9.1 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on notices to admit facts and notices to prove documents will consist of notice to admit facts; and notice to admit or produce documents. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 32.18-19.

## 20 Expert Evidence

1. the adducing of expert evidence in civil proceedings
2. the main exceptions to the general exclusionary rule in relation to evidence of opinion
3. expert opinion evidence in civil proceedings

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the adducing of expert evidence in civil proceedings will consist of principal issues in relation to adducing expert evidence and admissibility of expert evidence. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraph 35.0.1.2 and 35.0.1.3 (excluding the final sub-paragraph beginning “The rules in this Part are supplemented...”) of Volume 1 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on the main exceptions to the general exclusionary rule in relation to evidence of opinion will consist of expert evidence and statements of opinion made as a way of conveying relevant facts personally perceived by the witness. The relevant material is addressed in section 3 of the Civil Evidence Act 1972, at paragraph 9B-1060+ in the online version of Volume 2 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on expert opinion evidence in civil proceedings will consist of general requirements for expert evidence; expert evidence at trial; late applications in relation to expert evidence; judicial assessment of expert evidence; experts and matters that are central to the outcome of the case; the court’s duty to restrict expert evidence; the effect of the rule; types of cases raising particular considerations; overriding duty of experts to the court; duties and responsibilities of experts; the court’s power to restrict expert evidence; court’s permission to adduce expert evidence; pre-action protocols, changing expert and disclosure of expert reports; general requirement for expert evidence to be given in a written report; written questions to experts; the court’s power to direct that evidence is to be given by a single joint expert; obtaining further expert evidence; form and content of an expert’s report; use by one party of an expert’s report disclosed by another; discussions between experts; consequence of failing to disclose expert’s report; expert’s right to ask court for directions; service of information; cross-examination of experts on the contents of their instructions; questions to experts; circumstances relevant to allowing parties to rely on expert evidence and whether evidence should be from a single joint expert; and serving court orders on experts. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 35.1- 35.3, 35.4(1)-(3A) and (4), and 35.5-14; PD35 paragraphs 1-2.5 and 3-9; and the commentary at paragraphs 35.0.2, 35.0.3 (first two sub-paragraphs to “... remitting the case back for a re-trial.”), 35.0.4, 35.1.1, 35.1.2, 35.1.3, 35.1.6, 35.3.2, 35.4.2-35.4.2.2, 35.4.4, 35.7.4 and 35.11.1 of Volume 1 of ‘Civil Procedure’ (the White Book) 2026.

## 21 Civil Trial and Evidence

1. the trial of civil cases
2. hearsay evidence in civil proceedings
3. convictions as evidence in civil proceedings

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on the trial of civil cases will consist of the use of plans, models and photographs as evidence; failure to attend the trial; the conduct of the trial and the sequence of steps in the trial of civil cases, including trial timetables, order of speeches, calling and examining witnesses, judgment, submissions on orders for costs and permission to appeal. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 28.6, 29.9, 33.6 and 39.3; PD 28 paragraph 8; PD 29 paragraph 10; and the commentary at paragraphs 39.3.4, 39.3.5 and 39.3.7 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
2. Examinable material on hearsay evidence in civil proceedings will consist of the use of hearsay evidence at trial; notice of intention to rely on hearsay evidence; circumstances in which notice of intention to rely on hearsay evidence is not required; power to call witness for cross-examination on hearsay evidence; considerations relevant to weighing of hearsay evidence; and credibility. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 33.1-33.5; and sections 1-4 Civil Evidence Act 1995, at paragraphs 9B-1071 to 9B-1074 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.
3. Examinable material on convictions as evidence in civil proceedings will consist of the admissibility of convictions as evidence in civil proceedings. The relevant material is addressed in section 11 Civil Evidence Act 1968, at paragraph 9B-1032+ of the online version of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 22 Judgments, Orders and Enforcement

1. judgment and orders, including Tomlin orders
2. enforcing money judgments
3. recording and enforcement of settlements following ADR

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on judgment and orders, including Tomlin orders, will consist of drawing up and filing judgments and orders; service of judgments and orders; consent judgments and orders; Tomlin orders; restrictions on consent orders and judgments; when judgment or order takes effect; time from which interest begins to run; stay of execution and other relief; time for complying with a judgment or order; correction of errors in judgments and orders; cases where court gives judgment both on claim and counterclaim; and orders requiring an act to be done. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 40.3-4, 40.6, 40.7-8A, 40.11-13; PD 40B paragraphs 4 and 8; the commentary at paragraph 40.6.2 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 19.10-19.15 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).
2. Examinable material on enforcing money judgments will consist of enforcement of judgments generally; methods of enforcing judgments and orders; methods of enforcing money judgments; the rule that the court may order an act to be done at the expense of the disobedient party; transfer of proceedings for enforcement; transfer to county court for enforcement; transfer to High Court for enforcement; enforcement of judgment or order by or against non-party; effect of setting aside judgment or order; orders to obtain information from judgment debtors ('oral examination'); application notice; order to attend court; conduct of the hearing; attendance at court: normal procedure; attendance at court: procedure where the order is to attend before a judge; failure to comply with order; third party debt orders; debt due to judgment debtor and another; application for third party debt order; application notice; charging orders; charging order on matrimonial home; application for charging order; application notice; writs and warrants; enforcement of county court judgments; enforcement by taking control of goods; controlled goods agreements; where and how to make applications; attachment of earnings; where to make applications; mode of applying; and effect and contents of attachment of earnings order. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 70.1-2A, 70.3, 70.4 and 70.6; CPR 71.1-2, 71.6 and 71.8; CPR 72.1-3; CPR 73.3; CPR 83.2; CPR 84.3; CPR 89.3-4; PD 70A paragraphs 1A.1 and 1.1(1) (2) (3) (charging orders only) and (4); PD 71 paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5; PD 72 paragraph 1; and PD 73 paragraph 1; the editorial introductions to CPR Parts 71-73, 83-84 and 89 at paragraphs 71.0.1, 72.0.1, 73.0.1, 73.0.4 (1) and (2), 83.0.2-83.0.3, 83.0.17 (second sub-paragraph beginning "By virtue of art. 8 ..."), 84.0.2-84.0.3 and 89.0.1 (first sub-paragraph ending "... the court does the rest.") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; the commentary at paragraphs 70.3.1, 70.3.2 and 72.2.13 of Volume 1

of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; article 8 of the High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction Order 1991 (SI 1991/724) at paragraph 9B-939 of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and section 6(1)-(5) of the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 at paragraph 9B-965+ of the online version of Volume 2 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

3. Examinable material on recording and enforcement of settlements following ADR will consist of recording and enforcing settlement; reaching a clear outcome; forms of recorded outcome; written agreement; full and final settlement; methods of recording settlements in court proceedings; Tomlin orders; restrictions on consent orders and judgments; methods of enforcing compromise agreements; and enforcement of court orders. The relevant material is addressed in paragraphs 18.03, 18.06-18.10, 19.02, 19.10-19.15, 20.02 and 20.09 (including Table 20.1) of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025).

## 23 Costs

1. costs orders in civil cases
2. costs on the standard basis and costs on the indemnity basis
3. summary and detailed assessment of costs
4. interim costs orders

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on costs orders in civil cases will consist of general rules about costs; costs budgets; court's discretion as to costs; the costs which are within the court's discretion - costs of and incidental to; reasons; the indemnity principle; costs orders - order displacing the general rule - a different order; costs orders - orders which the court may make; costs orders - party must pay a proportion of another party's costs; costs orders - issue-based orders; the general rule - 'successful and unsuccessful' parties; all the circumstances; whether a party has succeeded on part of its case; admissible offer to settle; conduct of all the parties; party conduct - unreasonable refusal to agree to ADR; party conduct - conduct before the proceedings; successful defendant's costs payable by unsuccessful defendant (*Sanderson* and *Bullock* orders); fees of counsel; time for complying with an order for costs; set off; qualified one-way costs shifting: scope and interpretation; effect of qualified one-way costs shifting; exceptions to qualified one-way costs shifting where permission not required; exceptions to qualified one-way costs shifting where permission required; fundamentally dishonest; costs and costs shifting in ADR; and liability to pay for an ADR process. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 44.1, 44.2, 44.7, 44.12, 44.13-44.16; PD 44 paragraphs 3-5; the commentary at paragraphs 44.2.3 (first sub-paragraph ending "... development of the expression are explained."), sixth sub-paragraph beginning "It is clear that costs incurred ..." and seventh sub-paragraph beginning "In his judgment in the case ..."), 44.2.4, 44.2.5, 44.2.6 (first sub-paragraph to "... all the circumstances"), 44.2.7 (first sub-paragraph to "... "a different order"."), 44.2.8 (first sub-paragraph ending "... on particular issues."), 44.2.10 (first two sub-paragraphs to "... unsuccessful party's costs of that issue"), 44.2.13 (first three sub-paragraphs ending "... as elaborated in r.44.2(5)."), 44.2.17 (first two sub-paragraphs ending "... is a different matter."), 44.2.18 (first three sub-paragraphs to "... or improperly in so doing"), 44.2.19 (first sub-paragraph ending "... para. 36.0.2 above." and fourth sub-paragraph beginning "Generally, parties who negotiate..."), 44.2.20, 44.2.24, 44.2.25 (first sub-paragraph ending "... may be relevant." and third sub-paragraph beginning "There is no strict rule ..."), 44.2.28 (first six sub-paragraphs ending "... at [84])." and 44.16.2 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026; and paragraphs 10.01 and 10.03 of The Jackson ADR Handbook (Fourth Edition, 2025). Students should also be able to refer to the following specific leading case authorities by name: *Sanderson*, *Bullock*.
2. Examinable material on costs on the standard basis and costs on the indemnity basis will consist of basis of assessment; costs on the indemnity basis; costs on the standard basis; and factors to be taken into account in deciding the amount of costs.

The relevant material is addressed in CPR 44.3, 44.4; PD 44 paragraph 6; and the commentary at paragraph 44.3.8 (first four sub-paragraphs ending "... at [7] and [13].") of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

3. Examinable material on summary and detailed assessment of costs will consist of procedure for assessing costs; when the court should consider whether to make a summary assessment; timing of summary assessment; duty of parties and legal representatives; time when detailed assessment may be carried out; and no stay of detailed assessment where there is an appeal. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 44.6, CPR 47.1-2; and PD 44 paragraphs 8, 9.1-9.2, 9.5(1), (2) and (4), and 9.6.
4. Examinable material on interim costs orders will consist of payment on account of costs. The relevant material is addressed in the commentary at paragraph 44.2.12 (first two sub-paragraphs ending "... before the possibly protracted process of carrying out a detailed assessment")) of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.

## 24 Appeals

1. Civil appeals in England and Wales (excluding appeals to the Supreme Court)

### Examinable Material

1. Examinable material on civil appeals in England and Wales (excluding appeals to the Supreme Court) will consist of routes of appeal; time for appealing; grounds on which appeals may succeed; permission to appeal; determination of applications for permission to appeal to the County Court and High Court; determination of applications for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal; permission to appeal test for first appeals; permission to appeal test for second appeals; appellant's notice; respondent's notice; transcripts at public expense; variation of time; stay; appeal court powers; hearing of appeals; review or re-hearing; evidence not before lower court (fresh evidence); destinations of appeal; obtaining permission to appeal and allocation of appeals; and skeleton arguments. The relevant material is addressed in CPR 52.1, 52.3, 52.4-7, 52.12-15, 52.16, 52.20 and 52.21; PD52A paragraphs 3.1-3.5, Table 1, and paragraph 3.9 in Section III - Destinations of Appeal; paragraphs 4.1, 4.6 and 4.7 in Section IV - Obtaining permission to appeal and allocation of appeals; and Section V - Skeleton arguments; and the commentary at paragraphs 52.21.1 and 52.21.3 of Volume 1 of 'Civil Procedure' (the White Book) 2026.