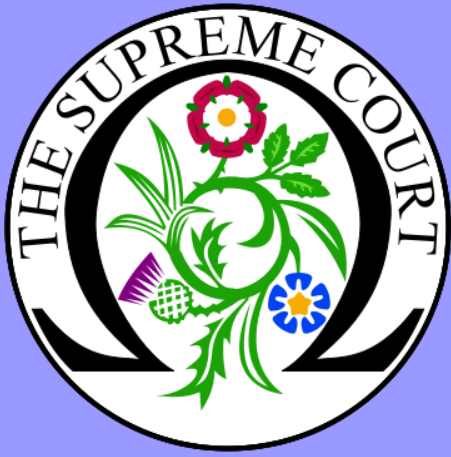


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The Supreme Court

In October 2009, The Supreme Court replaced the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords as the highest court in the United Kingdom. The Supreme Court was established to achieve a complete separation between the United Kingdom's senior Judges and the Upper House of Parliament, emphasising the independence of the Law Lords and increasing the transparency between Parliament and the courts.

Judgments of decided cases can be found on the Supreme Court website and the court launched a YouTube channel in 2013 on which summaries of judgments are read out. These summaries of judgments are also included alongside the judgments of the relevant cases.

Visiting The Supreme Court

Members of the public can visit the Supreme Court and observe cases during opening hours which are Monday to Friday, 09.30 to 16.30. During the legal terms the courts are normally in session:

Mondays - 11.00 to 16.00

Tuesday to Thursdays - 10.30 to 16.00

Guided tours are also available.

On the lower ground floor of The Supreme Court, a permanent exhibition provides an insight into the work and history of the UK's highest court, as well as the history of the building.

The Supreme Court, Parliament Square, London SW1P 3BD

(The court is situated on Parliament Square, Westminster, directly opposite the Houses of Parliament close to the statue of Abraham Lincoln.)

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