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What is a magistrate?

Magistrates are volunteers who hear cases in community court. They can sue in criminal courts, family courts, or both. Each case is usually heard by her three judges, including one who is trained as presiding judge. Court counsel provides legal advice and ensures that the correct procedure is being followed by the judge. All the criminal cases proceeding to begin in district court, and magistrates refer the most serious cases of crime, like Murder, rape, robbery, etc to criminal court. Some judges don't handle crime if it's not in their guide, like magistrates who only deal with crimes such as, minor attack violations theft handling stolen goods avoiding Tv licenses, but not just like that magistrates can deal with crimes as well, and they even impose them with penalties such as unpaid work in the community, and this can be up to 12 months in prison for a crime. (GOV.UK, 2023)

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discussion of magistrates in the United Kingdom.

Who can be a magistrate in the UK (United Kingdom), anyone can be if they wanted to, but you need to meet some eligibility requirements, when it comes to qualifications there are no formal qualifications or legal qualifications required to become a judge. You will receive extensive training only for the role and in court legal counsel will assist you with legal matters. When it comes to age limit and age qualify, the age must be at least 18 to younger than 74, and then you be retired at age 75. Personal qualities for example you proresses the appropriate personal qualities such as being sensitive to social issues mature, understanding and having a sense of fairness reliable and committed to serving the community you should also be able to understand documents, follow by evidence, and communicate effectively think logically, consider argument, and make fair decisions. (GOV.UK, 2023)

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What are their main responsibilities?

Communicating with sensitivity and respect, the magistrate must be capable of communication and concentrate actively and attentively to make clear reviews and talk optimistically and sensitively inside private boundaries, they additionally want you to adopt suit the scenario and articulate the purpose of the selection they made. (Gov.uk,2023)

Magistrates make fair, make impartial and transparent decisions, judges must be resolute and able to form unbiased and rational opinions, communicate and sensitively and respectfully, magistrates must listen actively and clarify their opinion, and always be confident and sensitive in communication, magistrates must be able to recognize and appreciate diverse perspectives treat to others and with compassion and demonstrate genuine understanding and empathy for any type of situation, magistrate work professionally and deal with people auditors should be approachable,

trustworthy and able to instil trust and confidence, and work professionally and efficiently both alone and with others. (Court and tribunals judiciary, 2023).

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Court closures

When it comes to court closure, the location might be the number one of the closures that can be, because if you live far then you need to leave earlier than you think, just not to be late for the court hearing, this can be called a Plan closure, when it comes to court closure some decision can be a closure, technologies such as a video, telephone and online conferencing have reduced the need for face to face hearing, and face to face hearing should be reserved for the most sensitive or complex cases, (HMCTS), defined a day trip to court if the court patron leaves home by 7:30 am and they will return home latest by 7:30 PM, they believed that this long-term scale will have a particular impact on those cases that has a children, and for those with care responsibilities, the elderly, and the disabled. (The Law of Society, 2022).

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Characteristics

The minister of justice strongly expects all magistrates to act in a manner that will earn the confidence of the community they serve in their ability to care out their judicial duties. Upon appointment, all magistrates sign a declaration and assurance setting out the attorney general's expectations of the magistrate's conduct. Magistrate has six key qualities sought in judicial candidates good character, good understanding and excellent communication, social awareness, maturity and healthy disposition, sound judgement, dedication and dependability, the attorney general is confident that all justices will recognize the need to continue to demonstrate these qualities while remaining justice of the peace. (Parliament.Uk,2003).

The Magistrate must attend a least 26 days of meetings per year, Employers are required by law to allow this, but they are free to choose paid or unpaid leave, the magistrate also called the justice of the peace, are ordinary people who hear cases in community courts. They sit on his three benches, including two "wingers" and one of him who sits in the center and is trained by special judges known as the chief justice. All three judges contribute equally to the decision-making, but the presiding judge speaks for them in the court. (Magistrate association,2023).

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Advantages of Magistrate

The Advantage of the magistrate is that they have the knowledge for local, knowledge that Judges with broader coverage, this means that you can use local news or knowledge about your local area and apply this to your decision- making It will be easier for the judges to visualise a particular event if

they are familiar with the area. This speeds up court proceedings and reduces the burden on the legal system. trust another advantage of magistrates is that they are trusted by the public, the magistrate is a volunteer and doesn't care about their background, so they have the impression that they are more approachable than the judge. This helps maintain people's confidentiality in the legal system and facilitates its smooth functioning. when it comes to the cost the magistrate is cheap, Additionally, judges are a relatively inexpensive option for the legal system compared to the magistrates. As they are volunteers, they don't have to pay judge's salaries. Without a magistrate, they would need more judges to do their duties. This means that more resources are available elsewhere in the legal system where more resources may be needed. (Carmine proofreading, 2021)

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The Disadvantage of the magistrate.

one of the main criticisms of the magistrate is that they are not representative of society, the magistrate is usually middle-aged, or older and has a professional background, whereas the majority of the defendant is not. This could unduly influence their decisions or cause the accused to be viewed in a negative light. Ideally, jurors are drawn from different sectors of society and represent everyone equally. This means that they can make decisions impartially and treat all accused equally, so all similar cases have the same outcome. the justice system and the people may not believe that they are untrustworthy. This reduces trust in the justice system and means that people feel they have been treated unfairly, or that the outcome would have been different for someone else. the Magistrate may be biased towards to the police version, favouring the prosecution. Comparing the words of the defendant with the words of the police, they are more likely to believe in the police, and the people may become disillusioned with the justice system. Magistrates may even emerge as acquainted with the police of their neighbourhood area, growing the probability of them being biased in the direction of the police. In addition, as magistrates are untrained, they may be effortlessly swayed through the prosecution. (Carmine Proofreading, 2021)

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Reform

The magistrate cases handled by district courts magistrate court typically handle cases known as summary crimes, for example, most traffic violations are minor property damage or general attack but does not cause severe injury, it can also cover some of the minor serious violation, such as robbery drug crime, these are known as two way crimes and may be tried I either magistrate court or criminal courts. Penalties that may be imposed by a district court is that the court can impose among another thing, the following penalties can be imposed for up to 6 months imprisonment, up to 12 months in total for or more than if you have lots of violations, fine social punishment such as unpaid work in the community prohibition such as driving without a licence, or raising animals court may also impose a combination of lots of penalties. For example, if you haven't paid while working then a fine on your employee can be up to 6 months imprisonment if the court decides, then your case can be referred to the crown court for judgement. (GOV.UK)

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Summary/Conclusion, all crime cases begin in district court, where judges refer the most serious criminal cases such as murder, rape and robbery, to criminal courts, some judges do not care about crimes unless they are listed in the guide. Who can be a magistrate, In the United Kingdom anyone can be if they want, you will be adequately trained only for the role and the legal counsel will assist you with the legal matters in court, communicating with sensitivity and respect, the magistrate must be highly communicative, and exercise clear judgement, the magistrate must be unbiased and rational opinions may be empathetic and respectful. They recognized and appreciated different points of view, treats other with compassion, show genuine understanding and empathy for all kinds of situations, exercise professional judgement and deals with the people. The advantage of the magistrate they have knowledge which covers the local wider area, this means they can take local news and knowledge of your local area that is trusted by the public, additionally, judge is an inexpensive option for the legal system compared to magistrates. Some Disadvantages of magistrate Ideally, jurors come from different sectors of society and represent everyone equally, this reduces the trust in the justice system and makes people feel that they have been wronged or that the outcomes would have been different for someone else, comparing the words of the defendant to those of the police make the defendant more likely to believe the police, and the people may become disillusioned with the justice system, in addition to, that the judge is untrained properly and can easily be brought to the prosecutor's office.

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