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Dear Ms Williams

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 181026023

Thank you for your request, received on 26 October 2018 in which asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Please provide the list of all (county court)circuit judges, district judges, deputy district judges that only have the jurisdiction to hearing general insolvency (local business) who are not ticketed to hear specialist ticketed insolvency work such as opposed bankruptcy hearings and connected cases in the county court hearing centres in the South -East Circuit /South East Region.

If any have been given this specialist ticketed work by the designated civil judge please also provide their name and confirmation that the DCJ had the authority to grant this power.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold the information in the scope of your request.

This is because there is no legal or business requirement for the MoJ to hold a list of Judges that specifically hear insolvency cases.

Please note that County Courts have jurisdiction to hear insolvency proceedings under the Insolvency (Commencement of Proceedings) and Insolvency Rules 1986 (Amendment) Rules 2014 (S.I. 2017, No 817). You can find more information about the County Courts with insolvency jurisdiction in Schedule 1 of the Insolvency (Commencement of Proceedings) and Insolvency Rules 1986 (Amendment) Rules 2014 (S.I. 2017, No 817). For details, see the following link:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/817/schedule/1/made

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

Yours sincerely

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