

INTERIM RULING AT REQUEST OF IMPERIAL CROWN

RE: Succession/HRM Justina

TRMs Justina and James were Crown. At the 6-month mark, HRM Justina stepped down. 6 months later she ran again and is the current Crown (with HRM Phillippe). Therefore, is this her second consecutive reign?

The following excerpts are from Dame Delia, Chancery opinion appears in ALL CAPS:

As the Challengers of the Civil War were unsuccessful in their attempt, the reign of one year continued. THIS IS CORRECT, AS PER ARTICLE XV.B. INTERIM CIVIL WAR.

The reign of two consecutive years is the maximum, SEE ARTICLE VIII B.1.h. 2 YEARS CONSECUTIVE WITH NO PAX REGIUM 2ND TERM--BUT THIS RAISES A POTENTIAL ISSUE OF HOW WOULD IT APPLY TO JUSTINA (2ND TERM) AND PHILLIPE (1ST TERM)? IS SHE PROTECTED BY HIS PAX REGIUM OR DOES HE FORFEIT IT BECAUSE SHE HAS NONE? FORTUNATELY NOT RAISED HERE.

Dame Justina is currently in her 2nd of two consecutive reigns. The reign was begun in 1999 and regardless of when she (LEFT), the reign continued until 2000. Her current reign with a different co-ruler was from 2000 until the next coronation. She has been queen for two consecutive (per Webster: following one after the other in order) reigns. There were no (INTERVENING) reigns between those of James and Phillip; she has been the co-ruler in both reigns. James did not end his reign as King when Justina left, nor did he hold a new war. James did not end his reign as King when civil war was declared; rather he won and his reign continued until he held a Crown war.

(DAME) Justina did not serve a full reign, but has served as queen in consecutive reigns. If HIH Elisabeth had quit in June of 2000, after serving for 1 year and 8 months, would she then be eligible for 2 more years as Imperial Queen come the war in September for coronation in November? No! The reign she began never ended and no one else was coronated in her place. The rule is in place so that the same people do NOT remain in power year after year. It was determined by the Imperial Estates that it is best for the Empire if the same people do not rule for more than two consecutive years. CORRECT, ARTICLE XIV TERM OF OFFICE, B. KING/QUEEN DEFINES REIGN AS NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, MEASURED FROM WHEN CORONATION OCCURRED OR SHOULD HAVE, AS PER XIV.E.

In Service,
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