



# Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

## 1959 CHAPTER 15

### 34 Powers of attachment, committal, etc.

If any person—

- (a) wilfully insults or acts contumaciously towards a coroner, or any coroner's officer or any officer of the coroner's court, or any witness, during his sitting or attendance in court, or in going to or returning from the court; or
- (b) wilfully interrupts the proceedings of a coroner's court or otherwise misbehaves in court;

he shall be guilty of contempt of court, and any officer of the court or constable, with or without the assistance of any other person, may by order of the coroner take the offender into custody and detain him until the rising of the court, and the coroner may, if he thinks fit, by order impose on the offender a fine not exceeding<sup>[F1]</sup> £2500] in respect of every such offence.

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**Changes to legislation:**

Coroners Act (Northern Ireland) 1959, Section 34 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 16A-16C inserted by [2023 c. 41 s. 44\(1\)](#)