
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 397

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

PART V

**SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING
JURISDICTION OF COUNTY COURTS**

(iii)

PROVISIONS SUPPLEMENTAL TO BOTH CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JURISDICTION

Practice and Procedure

County court rules committee

46.—(1) There shall be a committee known as the County Court Rules Committee (in this Order referred to as “the Rules Committee”) which shall be appointed by the^[F1]Lord Chief Justice] and shall consist of—

- (a) three county court judges (of whom one shall be the chairman);
- (b) two barristers-at-law;
- (c) two solicitors;
- (d) one circuit registrar;
- (e) one chief clerk; and
- (f) one other person.

^[F2](1A) The Lord Chief Justice must consult the Lord Chancellor before making an appointment under paragraph (1)(b), (c), (e) or (f).]

(2) Nothing done by the Rules Committee shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

(3) The Rules Committee shall have power to regulate its own quorum and procedure.

(4) The secretary of the Rules Committee shall be such person as the Lord Chancellor shall from time to time designate.

(5) The Rules Committee for the purpose of performing its functions may incur such expenses as may be approved by the Lord Chancellor.

F1 Words in art. 46(1) substituted (temporary from (3.4.2006) to the fully coming into force date of the amendment by s. 73(2) Justice (Northern Ireland) Act of 2002 (c. 26) (N.I.)) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 15\(2\), 148\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 134\(2\)\(4\) \(with Sch. 5 para. 131\); S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(k\)](#)

F2 Art. 46(1A) inserted (temporary from (3.4.2006) to the fully coming into force date of the amendment by s. 73(2) of [Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Act 2002 \(c. 26\) \(N.I.\)](#)) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005](#)

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(c. 4), ss. 15(2), 148(1), Sch. 5 para. 134(3)(4) (with Sch. 5 para. 131); S.I. 2006/1014, **art. 2(a)**, Sch. 1 para. 12(k)

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- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.3\(5\)Sch.1](#)