
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 397

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980

PART II

HOLDING OF COUNTY COURTS

Additional and extraordinary sittings

7.—(1) The^{F1}Lord Chief Justice] may, where he considers it expedient to do so for the purpose of avoiding delay in the administration of justice, give directions for the holding of sittings of the county court in addition to the ordinary sittings fixed under this Order.

(2) Subject to county court rules and to any directions given by the^{F2}Lord Chief Justice] under Article 4 or paragraph (1), a judge may, in addition to the ordinary sittings, sit at any other time or times for the hearing of any proceedings where he is satisfied that such additional sitting is necessary or expedient for the doing of justice between the parties.

F1 Words in art. 7(1) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 15\(2\), 148\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 54; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(a\)](#)

F2 Words in art. 7(2) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 15\(2\), 148\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 54; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(a\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, Section 7 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 05 August 2023. 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 :

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