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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**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**

*Miscellaneous*

**Affidavits**

**56.—(1)** An affidavit to be used in a county court may be sworn before the judge, a circuit registrar, a commissioner for oaths, a justice of the peace or any officer of the court designated for the purpose by the<sup>F1</sup> Lord Chief Justice]

(2) An affidavit sworn before a judge or any officer may be sworn without payment of any fee.

**F1** Words in art. 56(1) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 15\(2\), 148\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 58; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(a\)](#)

**Evidence of records**

**57.** Any entry in a book or other document prescribed for the purpose of keeping a record of or in relation to any proceedings in a county court, or a copy of such an entry authenticated in the prescribed manner, shall at all times without further proof be admitted as evidence of the entry and of the proceedings thereby referred to and of the regularity of those proceedings.

**Information to be furnished to Lord Chancellor**

**58.** Each chief clerk<sup>F2</sup>. . . shall, in relation to his functions under this Order, furnish to the Lord Chancellor such information as may be prescribed or required by the Lord Chancellor<sup>F3</sup> and furnish to the Lord Chief Justice such information as may be prescribed or required by the Lord Chief Justice.]

**F2** SR 1982/192

**F3** Words in art. 58 inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 15\(2\), 148\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 59; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2\(a\), Sch. 1 para. 12\(a\)](#)

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### **County court seal**

**59.**—(1) There shall be a seal for each county court which shall be kept in the custody of an officer of the court designated by the Lord Chancellor and shall be impressed and authenticated in the prescribed manner on every decree of the court, and on such other instruments or documents as may be prescribed.

(2) Any decree, instrument or document duly sealed with the county court seal and every duly authenticated document issued by the High Court on or in connection with any county court proceedings or any appeal therefrom shall be received in evidence.

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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](#)