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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 226**

**Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

**PART IV**

**COMMENCEMENT OF ENFORCEMENT**

Examination of debtor and witnesses

**Examination of debtor as to his means**

**27.**—(1) A debtor other than a company may be summoned by the Office—

- (a) to attend in person, at a time and place specified in the summons, for examination by the Office as to his means; and
- (b) to produce all books, documents and things in his possession or under his control relating to his means.

(2) Where—

- (a) without reasonable excuse—
  - (i) a debtor does not attend in pursuance of a summons under paragraph (1), or
  - (ii) a debtor does not answer, or answer satisfactorily, any question as to his means put to him by an enforcement officer under Article 26 and his default is certified by the enforcement officer; or
- (b) the Office has reason to suspect—
  - (i) that a debtor is evading service of such a summons, or
  - (ii) that he will attempt to evade such service, if a summons is issued, or that he will not attend in pursuance of such a summons, if served;

the Office may make an order—

- (A) for the attendance of the debtor in person, at a time and place specified in the order, for examination by the Office as to his means and for the production by him of all books, documents and things in his possession or under his control relating to his means; and
- (B) for the issue by the Office of a warrant for his arrest in the event of his failing to attend in pursuance of the order.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, Section 27.