
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Criminal Justice (Evidence) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART II

EVIDENCE OF BAD CHARACTER

General

Court's duty to give reasons for rulings

15.—(1) Where the court makes a relevant ruling—

- (a) it must state in open court (but in the absence of the jury, if there is one) its reasons for the ruling;
- (b) if it is a magistrates' court, it must cause the ruling and the reasons for it to be entered in the Order Book.

(2) In this Article “relevant ruling” means—

- (a) a ruling on whether an item of evidence is evidence of a person's bad character;
- (b) a ruling on whether an item of such evidence is admissible under Article 5 or 6 (including a ruling on an application under Article 6(3));
- (c) a ruling under Article 12.