

1979 No. 425

JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND.

The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 30th November 1979

Coming into operation 1st January 1980

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 8(2)(a) and (b) of the Administration of Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) and section 61A(7) of the County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(b), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1980.

Increase of financial limits of civil jurisdiction of county courts

2. In the statutory provisions set out in column 1 of the Schedule (which prescribe financial limits relating to the jurisdiction of county courts), for the figures set out in column 2 of that Schedule (wherever they occur) there shall be substituted the figures set out in column 3.

Dated 30th November 1979

Hailsham of St. Marylebone, C.

(a) S.I. 1975/816 (N.I. 7)

(b) 1959 c. 25 (N.I.) as amended by 1978 c. 23, s. 97

SCHEDULE

Increase of Financial Limits of Civil Jurisdiction of County Courts

<i>Statutory Provisions</i>	<i>Existing limit of Jurisdiction</i>	<i>New Limit of Jurisdiction</i>
The Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836 (c. 116) section 168 (contracts for public work)	£1,000	£2,000
The Landed Property Improvement (Ireland) Act 1847 (c. 32) section 40 (recovery of rent-charge)	£1,000	£2,000
The Attorneys' and Solicitors' Act 1870 (c. 28) section 8 (enforcement of agreements)	£1,000	£2,000
The Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (c. 24) section 43(2) (jurisdiction of county court)	£500	£1,000
The Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (c. 27) section 31(2) (recovery of expenses by Department)	£1,000	£2,000
The County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959 (c. 25)		
section 10(1) (general civil jurisdiction)	£1,000	£2,000
section 10(2) (libel and slander)	£200	£500
section 10(6) (recovery of rent)	£1,000	£2,000
section 11(2)(a) (gross value of estate)	£3,000	£6,000
section 11(2)(b) (legacies and annuities)	£1,000	£2,000
section 11(2)(c) (legacies etc. charged on land)	£1,000	£2,000
section 11(3) (charitable donations)	£2,000	£6,000
	£1,000	£2,000
section 16(a) (equity: administration of estates)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(b) (equity: administration of trusts)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(d) (equity: specific performance)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(e) (equity: relief against fraud, mistake)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(f) (equity: partnerships)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(f) (equity: proceedings under Settled Land Acts)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(l) (equity: Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(m) (equity: infants)	£2,000	£6,000
section 16(n) (equity: construction of deeds, wills, etc.)	£2,000	£6,000
section 18(1)(b) (administration pendente lite)	£3,000	£6,000

<i>Statutory Provisions</i>	<i>Existing limit of Jurisdiction</i>	<i>New Limit of Jurisdiction</i>
section 54(1) (representatives to lodge accounts if required)	£2,000	£6,000
section 61A(1) (civil jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars)	£300	£500
section 96 (payment into court by trustees)	£3,000	£6,000
The Land Development Values (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 23) section 22(5)(a) and (b) (payment into court)	£2,000	£6,000
The Building Societies Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (c. 31) section 28(5) (security from third party)	£1,000	£2,000
The Judgments (Enforcement) Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 30) section 88(2)(a)(i) (committal for default)	£1,000	£2,000
The Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 35) section 38(7)(a) and (b) (payment into court)	£2,000	£6,000
The Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (c. 25) section 17(1)(a) and (b) (breach of statutory duty by registry officials)	£1,000	£2,000
The Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39) section 139(7)(b) (reopening of extortionate agreements)	£1,000	£2,000

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order increases the financial limits of the civil jurisdiction of county courts and the civil jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars.