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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1993 No. 282**

**COUNTY COURTS**

**The County Courts (Financial Limits)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 1993**

*Made - - - - 19th June 1993*

*To be laid before Parliament*

*Coming into operation 1st September 1993*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 22(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980<sup>(1)</sup>, 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) 1993 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1993.

**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 of that Schedule.

**Revocation and saving**

3. Except for the entries relating to the Landlord and Tenant Law Amendment (Ireland) Act 1860<sup>(2)</sup> and Article 30(3) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 in the Schedule to the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992<sup>(3)</sup> the Schedule to that Order is hereby revoked.

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(1) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)  
(2) 1860 c. 154  
(3) S.R. 1992 No. 372

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Dated 19th June 1993

*Mackay of Clashfern, C.*

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

**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)	£10,000	£15,000
The Landed Property Improvements (Ireland) Act 1847 (c. 32) section 40 (recovery of rent-charge)	£10,000	£15,000
The Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (c. 24) section 43(2) (jurisdiction of county court)	£30,000	£45,000
	£4,000	£6,000
The Land Development Values (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 23) section 22(5)(a) and (6) (payment into court)	£30,000	£45,000
The Mineral Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1969 (c. 35) section 38(7)(a) and (b) (payment into court)	£30,000	£45,000
The Registration of Deeds Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (c. 25) section 17(1)(a) and (6) (breach of statutory duty by registry officials)	£10,000	£15,000
The Consumer Credit Act 1974 (c. 39) section 139(7) (b) (re-opening of extortionate agreements)	£10,000	£15,000
The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/924 (N.I. 8)) Article 24(1) (jurisdiction of county courts)	£30,000	£45,000
The County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3))	£10,000	£15,000

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<i>Statutory Provisions</i>	<i>Existing Limit of Jurisdiction</i>	<i>New Limit of Jurisdiction</i>
Article 10(1) (general civil jurisdiction)		
Article 10(2) (libel and slander)	£2,000	£3,000
Article 10(6) (recovery of rent)	£10,000	£15,000
Article 11(2)(a) (gross value of estates)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 11(2)(b) (legacies and annuities)	£10,000	£15,000
Article 11(2)(c) (legacies etc. charged on land)	£10,000	£15,000
Article 11(3) (charitable donations)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(a) (equity: administration of estates)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(b) (equity: administration of trusts)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(d) (equity: specific performance)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(e) (equity: relief against fraud, mistake)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(f) (equity: partnerships)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(i) (equity: proceedings under Settled Land Acts)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(k) (equity: Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(l) (equity: infants)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 14(m) (equity: construction of deeds, wills, etc.)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 16(1)(b) (administration pendente lite)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 17(1) (representatives to lodge accounts if required)	£30,000	£45,000

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<i>Statutory Provisions</i>	<i>Existing Limit of Jurisdiction</i>	<i>New Limit of Jurisdiction</i>
Article 19 (payment into court by trustees)	£30,000	£45,000
Article 30(1) (general civil jurisdiction exercisable by District Judges)	£2,000	£3,000
The Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/226 (N.I. 6)) Article 107(2)(a)(i) (committal for default)	£10,000	£15,000

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order increases the financial limits of the civil jurisdiction of county courts in Northern Ireland.

In particular the limits are increased:—

- (a) from £10,000 to £15,000 in actions founded on tort or contract and in actions for money recoverable by statute;
- (b) from £30,000 to £45,000 in equity matters;
- (c) from £2,000 to £3,000 in actions for libel or slander; and
- (d) from £10,000 to £15,000 in respect of extortionate credit agreements under section 139 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.