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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 298**

**COURT OF JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND**  
**PROCEDURE**

**The Crown Court (Criminal Procedure and  
Investigations Act 1996) (Tainted Acquittals)  
(Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016**

*Made - - - - 4th July 2016*

*Coming into operation in accordance with Rule 1*

The Crown Court Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1) and 53A of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(1).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. These Rules shall be cited as the Crown Court (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Tainted Acquittals) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on the same day as section 1 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(2).

2. In these Rules “the principal Rules” means the Crown Court (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Tainted Acquittals) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997(3).

**Amendment to the principal Rules**

3. In Rule 4(1)(b) of the principal Rules, omit “for the petty sessions district for which that court sits”.

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(1) 1978 c.23, to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by paragraphs 26 and 28 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4); paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to, and paragraphs 14 and 26 of Schedule 18 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/ 976), and paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c.13).

(2) 2015 c.9 (N.I.)

(3) S.R. 1997 No. 266

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Dated 4th July 2016

In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 53A of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, I allow these Rules.  
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 19th July 2016



*Claire Sugden*  
Minister of Justice

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules)*

These rules amend the Crown Court (Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996) (Tainted Acquittals) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997 ([S.R. 1997 No. 266](#)), in consequence of the provisions in Part 1 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 which creates a single jurisdiction for county courts and magistrates' courts whereby the jurisdiction and powers of those courts are exercisable throughout the whole of Northern Ireland.