



Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 23

PART X

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

106 Rights of audience in the High Court and Court of Appeal

- (1) A solicitor of the Supreme Court shall have a right of audience in any proceedings in the High Court or the Court of Appeal respecting—
 - (a) any bankruptcy matter ;
 - (b) any matter relating to the winding-up of a company ;
 - (c) any matter to be heard in chambers or which is adjourned from chambers into court; or
 - (d) any matter in which counsel already instructed is for any reason unable to appear,without being required to instruct counsel, or other counsel as the case may be, and may act and plead therein as counsel might have acted or pleaded.
- (2) Where in any proceedings in the High Court or the Court of Appeal (other than proceedings to which subsection (1) relates) a solicitor has had no reasonable opportunity, having regard to all the circumstances, of adequately instructing counsel, the court, if of opinion that it is desirable in the interests of justice to do so, may grant the solicitor a right of audience as ample as that which counsel would have enjoyed.
- (3) A solicitor of the Supreme Court shall have a right of audience in any enquiries or proceedings before a statutory officer sitting in the exercise of his jurisdiction whether original or delegated; and any such officer may in his discretion permit such right of audience to be enjoyed by an experienced solicitor's clerk acting on behalf of his principal.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall take away or affect the inherent powers of any court or judge to confer a right of audience.