



Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 23

PART I

CONSTITUTION OF THE [F¹COURT OF JUDICATURE] OF NORTHERN IRELAND

5 Divisions of the High Court.

- (1) There shall be three divisions of the High Court, namely—
 - (a) the Chancery Division;
 - (b) the Queen's Bench Division; and
 - (c) the Family Division.
- (2) [F¹The Department of Justice may by order] from time to time create additional divisions of the High Court or provide that any division be abolished and any [F²such order] may contain such provision as may be necessary or proper for that purpose.
- (3) A judge of the High Court may sit in any division.
- (4) Without prejudice to any statutory provision relating to or affecting the distribution of business in the High Court, all jurisdiction vested in the High Court shall belong to all the divisions alike.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 5(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), [Sch. 18 para. 12\(a\)](#) (with arts. 28-31)
- F2** Words in s. 5(2) substituted (12.4.2010) by [The Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), [Sch. 18 para. 12\(b\)](#) (with arts. 28-31)

Changes to legislation:

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 14(1)(1A) substituted for s. 14(1) by [2002 c. 26 Sch. 12 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 5 repealed (3.4.2006) without ever being in force by 2005 c. 4, Sch. 5 para. 125, Sch. 18 Pt. 3; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2, Sch. 1 paras. 12(f), 30(c))
- s. 106(3A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 89\(1\)](#)