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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1976 No. 582**

**Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976**

**PART II**

**QUALIFICATION, ADMISSION, PRACTISING CERTIFICATES, ETC.**

*Provisions with respect to unqualified persons acting as solicitors*

**Practising without certificate**

**20.**—(1) Where—

- (a) complaint is made to the Lord Chief Justice that a solicitor who has not in force a practising certificate entitling him to practise as a solicitor has wilfully and knowingly appeared, acted, or practised in any respect as a solicitor in any action, suit, matter or transaction; and
  - (b) the matter of the complaint is proved to the satisfaction of the Lord Chief Justice;
- the Lord Chief Justice may impose upon the solicitor a fine not exceeding £100 and, in addition to or instead of imposing a fine, may suspend the solicitor from practising as such during such period as to the Lord Chief Justice may seem fit, or may order the name of the solicitor to be struck off the roll.

(2) Any penalties which may be imposed under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any penalty, liability or disability incurred under any other provision of this Order or any other enactment by a solicitor acting or practising as such while he is an unqualified person.

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- art. 6(1A) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 88\(2\)](#)
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