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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1981 No. 228**

**Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

**[<sup>F1</sup>PART II**

**LEGAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE, AND LEGAL AID OTHER  
THAN FREE LEGAL AID AVAILABLE UNDER PART III**

Miscellaneous and supplementary

**[<sup>F1</sup>Interpretation of Part II and Schedules 1 and 2**

**27.** In this Part and Schedules 1 and 2—

“advice” and “assistance” mean respectively advice and assistance under this Part;

“assistance by way of representation” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 5(1);

“Law Society” means the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland;

“legal aid” means legal aid under this Part;

“order for costs” includes any judgment, order, decree, award or direction for the payment of the costs of one party to any proceedings by another party, whether given or made in those proceedings or not;

“person” does not include a body of persons corporate or unincorporate which is not concerned in a representative, fiduciary or official capacity so as to authorise legal aid, advice or assistance to be given to such a body;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“regulations” means regulations made by the [<sup>F2</sup> Lord Chancellor] under this Part;

“solicitor” means a solicitor of the [<sup>F3</sup> Court of Judicature];

“statutory inquiry” means an inquiry or hearing held or to be held in pursuance of a duty imposed by any statutory provision;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(*f*) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 ;

“tribunal” includes an inquiry or proceedings before an arbitrator or umpire, however appointed, whether such inquiry or proceedings take place under a reference by consent or otherwise.]

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**F1** Pt. 2 (to the extent that it remains in operation) repealed (1.4.2015) by [Access to Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/435\)](#), arts. 1(2), 49(5), [Sch. 5](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 48, Sch. 3); [S.R. 2015/194](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 3)

**F2** SI 1982/159

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**F3** Words in art. 27 substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\), ss. 59\(5\), 148\(1\), Sch. 11 para. 6; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2\(d\)](#)

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

- Order power to amend conferred by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) Sch. 5 para. 5\(a\)](#)
- Act rev.in pt. by [1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 paras.19\(2\)36](#)

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

- art. 28(7)(c) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 83\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 29(2A) inserted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 3](#)
- art. 29(2A) words substituted in earlier affecting provision [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\), Sch. 2 para. 3](#) by [2022 c. 4 \(N.I.\) s. 4\(9\)\(c\)](#)