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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 1899**

**The Wills and Administration Proceedings  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1994**

**PART I  
INTRODUCTORY**

**Interpretation**

**2.—**(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(1)</sup> applies to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“gift” means a devise or bequest or the exercise of a general power of appointment;

“personal representatives” means the executors or executor, original or by representation, or the administrators or administrator for the time being of a deceased person;

“property” includes any estate in land, any chattels, any thing in action, and any rights which are treated commercially as property and also includes any interest in property;

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

“witness”, in relation to a will, means a witness who attests the testator’s signature or acknowledgment of his signature and signs the will in the presence of the testator, or a witness who, having signed the will before the testator, acknowledges his signature in the presence of the testator.

(3) In this Order, any reference to a person’s “estate” is a reference to all property to which he is beneficially entitled for an estate or interest not ceasing on his death.