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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — PERSONS DISQUALIFIED FOR JURY SERVICE

1. Any person who has at any time been convicted by a court in the United... This div-1 has a number but no title; creating a P1group with an empty Title This div-1 has a number but no title; creating a P1group with an empty Title

SCHEDULE 2 — PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR JURY SERVICE

 Persons concerned with the administration of justice Persons holding or who have at any time... Status: Point in time view as at 01/08/2007.

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Persons concerned with the administration of justice

Persons holding or who have at any time held any paid, judicial, or other office...

Lay magistrate.

Justices of the peace.

. . .

The Chairman or President, the Vice-Chairman or Vice-President and the registrar and assistant registrar of...

Barristers at law and solicitors whether or not in actual practice as such. Solicitors' clerks.

Students of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland or of the Law Society of...

The Director of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland, the Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for...

The Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland and the members of his staff.

Officers of the Northern Ireland Office or of the Lord Chancellor's Department.

Officers of the Department of Justice

Members of the Northern Ireland Court Service.

Court security officers.

Governors, chaplains and other officers of, and members of independent monitoring boards for, the following...

The warden or a member of the staff of a bail hostel as defined in...

Members of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland.

Probation officers and persons appointed to assist them.

A person appointed for the purposes of Article 7(6) of the Treatment of Offenders (Northern...

Police officers and any other person employed in any capacity by virtue of which he...

Members and staff of the Policing Board.

The Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and persons employed by him

Persons in charge of, or employed in, a forensic science laboratory. Prisoner custody officers within the meaning of section 122(1) of the

Criminal Justice and Public...

Members and employees of the Criminal Cases Review Commission. Persons who at any time within the past ten years have been persons falling within...

The Forces

Persons serving on full pay as members of any of the naval, military or air... Members of the Royal Irish Regiment.

Other persons

Persons suffering from mental disorder within the meaning of the Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order...

Persons unable to understand the English language.

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SCHEDULE 3 — PERSONS EXCUSABLE FROM JURY SERVICE AS OF RIGHT — Parliament Peers and peeresses entitled to receive writs of summons...

Parliament

Peers and peeresses entitled to receive writs of summons to... Members of the House of Commons.

Northern Ireland Assembly

Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
Officers and servants of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Scottish Parliament and Scottish Executive

European Parliament

Representatives to the European Parliament.

Public officials

The Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland...

Persons in the Northern Ireland Civil Service receiving a salary...

The Chief Electoral Officer and persons appointed to assist him....

The Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland.

The Auditor General for Scotland

The Secretary and any Director of the Northern Ireland Audit...

Officers employed in any capacity by the Commissioners of Customs...

Officers in charge of a head office in Northern Ireland...

Inspectors of schools.

Inspectors appointed under section 123 of the Mines Act (Northern...

Clergy, etc.

A person in Holy Orders and a regular minister of... Vowed members of any religious order living in a monastery,... Practising members of a religious society or order the tenets...

Professions

Professors and members of the teaching staff of a university... Masters of vessels, duly licensed pilots and lighthouse keepers. The following persons, if actually practising their profession and registered...

Persons aged between 65 and 70 years

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SCHEDULE 4 — CORONERS JURIES

PART I — MODIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER

- 1. Any reference to a court includes a reference to a coroner or, as the context...
- 2. Any reference to a judge (with or without qualifying words) includes a reference to a...

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- 3. Any reference to a jury includes a reference to a coroner's jury.
- 4. In Article 5(4) and (5) "the Divisional Jurors List" includes a part of that list.
- 5. Articles 10(7) and 11(3) shall apply to rules under section 36(1) of the Coroners Act...
- 6. In Article 24 "trial" includes inquest.

PART II — AMENDMENTS OF CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1959

- 1. In section 18 (summoning of jurors)— (a) in subsection (1), for the words from "district...
- 2. In Section 31(2) (summoning of another jury where jury unable to agree), for the words...
- 3. In section 32(1) (power to arrange for removal of body to district of another coroner),...

— Schedule 5—Repeals

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