

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

S.I. 2004 No. 1500 (N.I. 9)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Part IV - Prosecution appeals

Expedited and non-expedited appeals

36. **Article 18** provides 2 alternative appeal routes, an expedited (fast) route and a non-expedited (slower) route. The judge must determine which route the appeal will follow.
37. In the case of an expedited appeal the trial may be adjourned. In the case of a non-expedited appeal the judge may either adjourn the proceedings or discharge the jury (if one has been sworn).
38. Both the judge and the Court of Appeal have the power to reverse a decision to expedite an appeal and thus transfer it to the slower route, in which case the jury may be discharged.