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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 1501**

The Criminal Justice (Evidence) (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART II

EVIDENCE OF BAD CHARACTER

*Introductory*

**“Bad character”**

3. References in this Part to evidence of a person’s “bad character” are to evidence of, or of a disposition towards, misconduct on his part, other than evidence which—

- (a) has to do with the alleged facts of the offence with which the defendant is charged, or
- (b) is evidence of misconduct in connection with the investigation or prosecution of that offence.

**Abolition of common law rules**

4.—(1) The common law rules governing the admissibility of evidence of bad character in criminal proceedings are abolished.

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Article 22(1) in so far as it preserves the rule under which in criminal proceedings a person’s reputation is admissible for the purposes of proving his bad character.