
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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County Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1981

ORDER 56

County Court seal and authentication of documents

County Court seal

1. For every county court division there shall be a county court seal which shall incorporate the name of the division.

Custody of the seal

2. The county court seal shall be kept by and in the custody of the chief clerk.

Affixing and authentication of the seal

3.—(1) The seal shall be affixed by or under the direction of the chief clerk to any document required by these Rules or any other enactment to be sealed with the county court seal.

(2) Every seal affixed to any document shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), be authenticated by the signature of the chief clerk or registrar and no authentication of the seal shall be necessary.

(3) Where any order directs that the circuit registrar or other officer shall do any act or take any accounts or inquiries, the seal on such order shall be authenticated by the signature of the chief clerk, as the case may be, and no further authentication shall be necessary.

(4) In the event of sickness or absence of the chief clerk, the seal may be authenticated and any certificate required by these Rules may be given by such officer of the court as the judge may from time to time direct.

Documents to be sealed

4. The county court seal shall be affixed to—
- (a) every document which immediately prior to the passing of the Order was required to be sealed with the county court seal;
 - (b) every document which under the provisions of these Rules or any other enactment is required to be sealed with the county court seal; and
 - (c) every document issued by a county court for which a form marked with the word “seal” is prescribed in Appendix 1.