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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### FUNCTIONS UNDER LEGISLATION RELATING TO NORTHERN IRELAND

##### PART 1

##### AMENDMENTS

*Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1575 (N.I. 6))*

- 89 The Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 is amended as follows.
- 90 (1) Article 12 (family proceedings rules) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (1) for the words from “which” to “court” substitute “ which may make rules of court in accordance with Article 12A ”.
- (3) In paragraph (3) for “rules of court made under this Article” substitute “ family proceedings rules ”.
- (4) In paragraph (4) for “Rules of court made under this Article” substitute “ Family proceedings rules ”.
- (5) In paragraph (5)—
- (a) after “this Article” insert “ and Article 12A ”;
- (b) at the end insert—
- ““family proceedings rules” means rules of court made under this Article.”
- 91 After Article 12 insert—

##### **Making of family proceedings rules**

- “12A(1) After making family proceedings rules the Committee must submit them to the Lord Chancellor.
- (2) The Lord Chancellor may allow or disallow family proceedings rules submitted to him.
- (3) Family proceedings rules have effect only if allowed by the Lord Chancellor.
- (4) If the Lord Chancellor disallows family proceedings rules, the Lord Chancellor must give the Committee written reasons why he has disallowed them.

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- (5) Paragraph (6) applies if the Lord Chancellor gives the Committee written notice that he thinks it is expedient for family proceedings rules to include provision that would achieve a purpose specified in the notice.
  - (6) The Committee must make such family proceedings rules as it considers necessary to achieve the specified purpose.
  - (7) Those rules must be—
    - (a) made within a reasonable period after the Lord Chancellor gives notice under paragraph (5);
    - (b) made in accordance with this Article.”
- 92 (1) In Schedule 2 (Northern Ireland Family Proceedings Rules Committee), paragraph 2 is amended as follows.
- (2) That paragraph becomes sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2.
  - (3) In that sub-paragraph—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (c) for “Lord Chancellor after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice” substitute “ Lord Chief Justice ”;
    - (b) in sub-paragraph (f) for “Lord Chancellor” substitute “ Lord Chief Justice ”.
  - (4) After that sub-paragraph insert—
    - “(2) The Lord Chief Justice may nominate any of the following to exercise his functions under this paragraph—
      - (a) the holder of one of the offices listed in Schedule 1 to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002;
      - (b) a Lord Justice of Appeal (as defined in section 88 of that Act).”

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