
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 301

FAMILY PROCEEDINGS

COURT OF JUDICATURE

COUNTY COURTS

**The Family Proceedings (Amendment)
Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Made - - - - 4th July 2016

Coming into operation in accordance with Rule 1

The Family Proceedings Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12 of the Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(1).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on the same day as section 1 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015(2).

(2) In these Rules—

- (a) “the principal Rules” means the Family Proceedings Rules (Northern Ireland) 1996(3); and
- (b) a reference to an Order, rule, Appendix or Form is a reference to that Order, rule, Appendix or Form so numbered in the principal Rules.

Amendments to the principal Rules

2. The principal Rules are amended as follows—

(1) In rule 1.3—

- (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) omit the definition of “chief clerk”;

(1) [S.I. 1993/1576 \(N.I. 6\)](#), to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 ([S.I. 2010/ 976](#))

(2) [2015 c.9 \(N.I.\)](#)

(3) [S.R. 1996 No. 322](#), to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by [S.R. 1999 No. 88](#); [S.R. 2003 No. 75](#); [S.R. 2005 No. 497](#); and [S.R. 2006 No. 304](#)

- (ii) omit the definition of “civil partnership proceedings county court”;
- (iii) in the definition of “county court office”, omit “for the county court division in which proceedings are pending”;
- (iv) omit the definition of “designated county court”; and
- (v) omit the definition of “divorce county court”; and
- (b) omit paragraph (6).
- (2) In rule 2.6—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(a), for “any divorce” substitute “the”;
 - (b) in paragraph (1)(b), for “any civil partnership proceedings” substitute “the”; and
 - (c) in paragraph (5), omit “or at the office of the chief clerk at Enniskillen”.
- (3) In rule 2.14(4), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (4) In rule 2.23—
 - (a) in the heading, for “designated” substitute “the”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (1), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (5) In rule 2.28(2), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (6) In rule 2.30—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “and place”; and
 - (b) omit paragraph (2).
- (7) In rule 2.31(3), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (8) In rule 2.32—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), for “A designated” substitute “The”; and
 - (b) omit paragraphs (2) and (3).
- (9) In rule 2.34—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “designated”;
 - (b) in paragraph (1), omit “for each county court division” and “in that division”; and
 - (c) in paragraph (2)(b), omit “division”.
- (10) In rule 2.44(2), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (11) In rule 2.45(3), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (12) In rule 2.46—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(b), for “a designated” substitute “the”; and
 - (b) in paragraph (2), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (13) In rule 2.49(1), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (14) In rule 2.50(9), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (15) In rule 2.51(2), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (16) In rule 2.54(2)(b), for “a divorce” substitute “the”.
- (17) In rule 2.54A(2)(b), for “a civil partnership proceedings” substitute “the”.
- (18) In rule 2.57(a), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (19) In rule 2.59(1), for “a designated” substitute “the”.
- (20) In rule 2.67—
 - (a) in paragraphs (1) to (5) for “a designated” substitute “the” in each place where it occurs;