STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 297

COURT OF JUDICATURE, NORTHERN IRELAND

CROWN COURT

The Crown Court (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - - 4th July 2016

Coming into operation in accordance with Rule 1

The Crown Court Rules Committee makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1) and 53A of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. These Rules shall be cited as the Crown Court (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 "the principal Rules" means the Crown Court Rules (Northern Ireland) 1979(**3**), and a reference to a rule is a reference to that rule so numbered in the principal Rules.

Amendment to the principal Rules

3. The principal Rules are amended as follows—

(1) In rule 2(1) in the definition of "chief clerk", omit "means the chief clerk of the Court at the place where a person is to be tried and".

(2) In rule 47A(6)—

(a) for the definition of "county court division", substitute ""division" means an administrative court division specified under section 2(2)(a) of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 for all purposes of a county court or, if different administrative court divisions are specified for different purposes of a county court, an administrative court

(**1**) 1978 c.23, to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by paragraphs 26 and 28 of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c.4); paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to, and paragraphs 14 and 26 of Schedule 18 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/ 976); and paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014 (c.13)

(**2**) 2015 c.9 (N.I.)

(**3**) S.R. 1979 No. 90, to which the most recent relevant amendments were made by S.R. 1999 No. 134, S.R. 2003 No.71, S.R. 2003 No. 279 and S.R. 2010 No. 133