STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 154

JUDICIARY

The District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - -	*31st March 2008*
To be laid before Parliament	
Coming into operation	*2nd June 2008*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 102(1), (2) and (5) of the Courts Act 2003(**1**), and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice, makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the District Judge (Magistrates' Courts) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 2nd June 2008.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

District Judge (Magistrates' Courts)

2.—(1) The office of Presiding resident magistrate is renamed Presiding district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland.

(2) The office of resident magistrate is renamed district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland.

(3) The office of deputy resident magistrate is renamed deputy district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland.

Construction of Enactments

3.—(1) Reference in any statutory provision, statutory document or other document to a Presiding resident magistrate, resident magistrate or deputy resident magistrate shall be construed as reference to a Presiding district judge (magistrates' courts) in Northern Ireland, district judge

(**1**) 2003 (c.39) as amended by section 47 of the Justice and Security (Northern Ireland) Act 2007 (c.6)
(**2**) 1978 (c.23)