STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 543

SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND PROCEDURE

The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 1997

Made - - - - 17th December 1997

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into operation 20th April 1998

We, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, being the authority having for the time being power under section 55 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(**1**) to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, hereby, with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor, exercise those powers as follows:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 1997 and shall come into operation on 20th April 1998.

(2) In these Rules—

"the principal rules" means the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980(**2**) and an Order referred to by number means the Order so numbered in the principal rules.

Medical evidence

2. Order 25 shall be amended as follows—

(a) for rule 4 there shall be substituted the following rule—

"**4.** Subject to rule 2, where a party proposes to adduce at the trial medical evidence obtained from any medical expert, he shall disclose all relevant medical evidence obtained at any time from that medical expert to the relevant party or parties—

(a) insofar as he then has in his possession or power that evidence, not later than 10 weeks from the close of the pleadings; and

(**1**) 1978 c. 23

(**2**) S.R. 1980 No. 346; to which relevant amendments were made by S.R. 1981 No. 224; S.R. 1991 No. 330 and S.R. 1995 No. 462