1987 No. 304

SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND

PROCEDURE

The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 1987

Made . . . . . *22nd July 1987*

Coming into operation . *in accordance with rule 1*

To be laid before Parliament

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(**a**) 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, interpretation and commencement

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 1987. This rule and rule 2(1) shall come into operation on 1st August 1987 and rule 2(2) on 5th September 1987.

(2) In these Rules an Order referred to by number means the Order so numbered in the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1980(**b**).

Place and mode of trial

2. Order 33, rule 4, shall be amended as follows:—

(1) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1):—

"(1) Any action in which a claim is made in respect of libel, slander, malicious prosecution or false imprisonment or any issue of fact therein shall, subject to section 62(2) of the Act, be tried with a jury if any party to the action so requests, and a party setting down such an action must specify the mode of trial which he requests."

(2) The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph (3):—

"(3A) The trial of any action not mentioned in paragraph (1) or any issue of fact therein shall, subject to section 62(4) of the Act, be had without a jury."

(a) 1978 c. 23
(b) S.R. 1980 No. 346