1982 No. 300

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court (Departments and Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982

Made . . . . . *14th September 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *1st November 1982*

To be laid before Parliament

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 68(5) and (6) and 70(5) and (6) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978(a), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Supreme Court (Departments and Officers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1982.

(2) In this Order "the Act" means the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978.

Departments of the Supreme Court

2. Schedule 2 to the Act shall be amended by adding at the end thereof, the entry "The Official Solicitor's Office" and "Official Solicitor" in the first and second columns respectively.

Statutory officers

3. Schedule 3 to the Act shall be amended by—

(*a*) adding at the end thereof, the entry "Official Solicitor", "Solicitor" and "10 years" in columns 1, 2 and 3 respectively;

(*b*) removing the following offices, namely—

(i) Registrar (Chancery and Bankruptcy);

(ii) Registrar (Probate and Matrimonial);

(iii) Judicial Officer (Enforcement of Judgments); and the entries relating thereto.

Official Solicitor

4. For section 75 of the Act there shall be substituted the following section —

"*Official Solicitor*

75.—(1) The Lord Chancellor, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, may appoint a solicitor of the Supreme Court as Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court.

(2) The Official Solicitor shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed and as may be conferred or imposed on him—

(*a*) by or under this or any other Act; or

(*b*) by or in accordance with any direction given by the Lord Chancellor.

(a) 1978 c. 23