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SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND

PROCEDURE

Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Sittings and Vacations) 1978

Made . . . . . *29th September* 1978
Coming into operation . . . *25th October* 1978
To be laid before Parliament

We, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court Rules Committee, being the authority having for the time being power under section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1962(a) to make, amend or revoke rules regulating the practice and procedure of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland, exercise those powers and all other powers enabling us in that behalf as follows:—

1. Order 63 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) 1936(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For rule 1 there shall be substituted the following rule:—

"**1.** The sittings of the Court of Appeal and of the High Court shall be three in every year, that is to say—

(*a*) the Michaelmas sittings, which shall begin on 5th September and end on 21st December, subject to a recess from the Monday which falls on or nearest to 31st October to the following Friday, both days included,

(*b*) the Hilary sittings, which shall begin on 6th January and end on the Friday before Good Friday, and

(*c*) the Trinity sittings, which shall begin on the second Monday after Easter Sunday and end on 30th June".

(2) In rule 2, for the reference to "8th January" there shall be substituted a reference to "5th January".

2. These rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Sittings and Vacations) 1978 and shall come into force on 25th October 1978.

Dated this 29th day of September 1978.

Signed: *Robert Lowry*
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(a) 1962 c. 30 (b) S.R. & O. 1936 No. 70 (II, p. 2559)