1963. No. 120 **[NC]**

SUPREME COURT, NORTHERN IRELAND PROCEDURE

The Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) 1963

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, hereby exercise those powers and all other powers enabling us in that behalf as follows:—

1. In Order I of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland(**b**), which relates to the "Form and Commencement of Action", the following paragraph shall be added:—

"**3.**—(1) If, on an application made by the Attorney General, a judge of the Supreme Court is satisfied that any person has habitually and persistently and without reasonable grounds instituted any vexatious legal proceedings, whether against the same person or against different persons, the judge may, after hearing that person or giving him an opportunity of being heard, order that no legal proceedings shall without the leave of a judge of the Supreme Court be instituted by him in the High Court, and such leave shall not be given unless the judge is satisfied that the proceedings are not an abuse of the process of the court and that there is a prima facie ground for the proceedings.

(2) A copy of any order made under this rule shall be published in the *Belfast Gazette*."

2. These Rules may be cited as the Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) 1963, and shall come into operation on the 2nd day of September, 1963.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1963.

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(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 30.
(b) S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 70), II, p. 2559.