



# County Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

## 1959 CHAPTER 25

### PART XI

#### JUDGES AND DEPUTY JUDGES

#### 102 Appointment and assignment of judges.

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) Her Majesty may appoint a qualified person to be a judge.]
- (2) A judge shall sit in the county court in accordance with directions given by the [<sup>F2</sup>Lord Chief Justice].
- (3) A judge may, in accordance with such directions, sit as a judge [<sup>F3</sup>in any county court] .
- (4) Subject to sub-sections (2) and (3), the [<sup>F2</sup>Lord Chief Justice] [<sup>F4</sup>may assign a judge to one or more division] and may from time to time vary any such assignment.
- (5) The judge [<sup>F5</sup>, or (if more than one) one of the judges,] assigned to the division which is or includes—
- the area of the city of Belfast shall be styled the Recorder of Belfast;
  - the area of the city of Londonderry shall be styled the Recorder of Londonderry.]

<sup>F6</sup>(6) In this Act “judge” means a county court judge, that is to say a judge appointed under this section.] [<sup>F7</sup>and “division” means an administrative court division specified under section 2 of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 for all or the residual purposes of a county court.]

**F1** S. 102(1) substituted (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 2009 \(c. 3\)](#), ss. 2(4), 5(7)(a), [Sch. 5 para. 1](#); [S.I. 2010/812](#), [art. 2](#)

**F2** Words in s. 102(2)(4) substituted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 15, 148, [Sch. 5 para. 8](#); [S.I. 2006/1014](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 12\(a\)](#)

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- F3** Words in s. 102(3) substituted (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), **Sch. 1 para. 51(a)** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)
- F4** Words in s. 102(4) substituted (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), **Sch. 1 para. 51(b)** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)
- F5** Words in s. 102(5) inserted (16.4.2007) by Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (c. 26), ss. 85, 87, Sch. 12 para. 4(3); S.R. 2007/237, **art. 2**, Sch. para. 6(a)
- F6** 1980 NI 3
- F7** Words in s. 102(6) inserted (31.10.2016) by Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9), s. 106(2), **Sch. 1 para. 51(c)** (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k) (with art. 3)

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