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LEGAL AID IN CRIMINAL CASES: LEGAL AID CERTIFICATES

RULES, DATED 16TH DECEMBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 27 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling it, hereby, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice and the Attorney General and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, makes the following Rules:—

Commencement and Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Legal Aid Certificates (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on the 5th day of January 1970.

Interpretation

2. In these Rules—

“The principal Rules” means the Legal Aid Certificates Rules (Northern Ireland) 1966(b).

Amendment of principal Rules

3. In Rules 9(1)(a) of the principal Rules, for the word “four” there shall be substituted the word “eight” and for the word “two” there shall be substituted the word “four”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 16th day of December 1969.

(L.S.)

J. G. Hill,

Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland hereby approves of the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance this 17th day of December 1969.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules increase from four to eight the number of practising counsel on the panel from which are drawn the Committees to determine the amounts to be allowed to solicitors or counsel who have appeared for legally-aided persons in criminal cases. Consequently, the number of Bar Council nominees is increased from two to four.