



Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

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PART X

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

107 Qualification for holding office of solicitors who have been barristers and vice versa

- (1) For the purpose of any statutory provision or custom whereby the qualification of a solicitor for holding any office in Northern Ireland depends upon—
 - (a) his having been admitted for a specified period; or
 - (b) his having been admitted and in practice for a specified period,that period, in the case of a solicitor who before admission was a barrister, shall be deemed to include—
 - (i) where paragraph (a) applies, any period during which he was a barrister; and
 - (ii) where paragraph (b) applies, any period after his call to the bar during which he was in practice as a barrister.
- (2) For the purpose of any statutory provision or custom whereby the qualification of a barrister for holding any office in Northern Ireland depends upon—
 - (a) his having been called to the bar for a specified period ; or
 - (b) his having been called to the bar and in practice for a specified period,that period, in the case of a barrister who before call was a solicitor, shall be deemed to include—
 - (i) where paragraph (a) applies, any period during which he was a solicitor; and
 - (ii) where paragraph (b) applies, any period after his admission as a solicitor during which he was in practice as such.
- (3) This section applies—
 - (a) to this Act and to any other statutory provision whether passed or made before or after this Act; and
 - (b) in relation to persons admitted as solicitors or called to the bar before, as well as after, the passing of this Act.