



# Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 23

### PART V

#### PRACTICE, PROCEDURE AND TRIALS

#### **64 Jury in civil actions**

- (1) The jury for the trial in the High Court of any action or any issue therein shall consist of seven persons, and in relation to such trial sections 41 and 42 of the Juries Act (Ireland) 1871 (which relate to the selection of a jury) shall have effect as if for the word " twelve " wherever occurring there were substituted the word " seven ".
- (2) The trial judge may at his discretion at any stage in the course of such trial discharge the jury or any member or members thereof.
- (3) Where in the course of such trial the jury is discharged, the trial may with the consent of the parties be continued without a jury.
- (4) Where in the course of such trial any member of the jury dies or is discharged by reason of illness or any other cause, the jury shall at the discretion of the judge, so long as the number of its members is not reduced below six, and may with the consent of the parties so long as the number of its members is not reduced below four, be considered as remaining for all purposes properly constituted.