

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 23

PART VI

DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

[F175 Official Solicitor.

- (1) The Lord Chancellor, after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, may appoint a solicitor of the Supreme Court as Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court.
- (2) The Official Solicitor shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed and as may be conferred or imposed on him—
 - (a) by or under this or any other Act; or
 - (b) by or in accordance with any direction given by the Lord Chancellor.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 70(2)(a), a person shall be qualified for appointment as Official Solicitor if he has practised as a solicitor of the Supreme Court for not less than the number of years specified in column 3 of Schedule 3.
- (4) The court may, in accordance with rules of court, order the costs of the Official Solicitor in respect of any business done by him to be paid out of any fund the subject of the proceedings or by any party to the proceedings and such costs shall be ascertained on taxation or measured.
- (5) Where any powers or duties have been or are hereafter conferred on the Official Solicitor then, unless and until the court or a judge otherwise directs in any particular case, those powers may be exercised and those duties shall be performed by the holder of the office for the time being, and no further order or appointment shall be necessary by reason only that the person on whom the powers and duties were conferred or imposed has died or ceased to hold office.]

Textual Amendments

Status:

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978, Section 75 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 07 August 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.