



# Courts Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 39

### PART 8

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Provisions relating to Northern Ireland*

#### **105 Extension of time for criminal appeals to House of Lords: Northern Ireland**

- (1) Amend paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the 1978 Act (applications for leave to appeal to House of Lords in certain criminal matters) as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)—
  - (a) for “fourteen” (in both places) substitute “28”, and
  - (b) for “date of the decision of that court” substitute “relevant date”.
- (3) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) In sub-paragraph (1), “the relevant date” means—

  - (a) the date of the decision of the court below, or
  - (b) if later, the date on which that court gives reasons for its decision.”
- (4) Amend section 32 of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980 (c. 47) (applications for leave to appeal to the House of Lords) as follows.
- (5) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) for “fourteen” (in both places) substitute “28”, and
  - (b) for “date of the decision of the Court” substitute “relevant date”.
- (6) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) In subsection (1), “the relevant date” means—

  - (a) the date of the Court of Appeal’s decision, or
  - (b) if later, the date on which the Court gives reasons for its decision.”