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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is the first Commencement Order made under the Courts Act 2003 and brings into force various provisions on 26 January 2004 relating to—

### *JUDGES (PART 6)*

Head and Deputy Head of Civil Justice (section 62); Ordinary Judges of the Court of Appeal (section 63); Power to alter judicial titles (section 64); Judges having powers of District Judges (Magistrates' Courts) (section 66—in part) and Removal of restriction on Circuit Judges sitting on certain appeals (section 67).

### *PROCEDURE RULES AND PRACTICE DIRECTIONS (PART 7)*

*Criminal Procedure Rules and practice directions*—Meaning of “criminal court” (section 68); Criminal Procedure Rule Committee (section 70); Power to change certain requirements relating to Committee (section 71) and Practice directions as to practice and procedure of the criminal courts (section 74).

*Family Procedure Rules and practice directions*—Family Procedure Rule Committee (section 77); Power to change certain requirements relating to Committee (section 78) and Practice directions relating to family proceedings (section 81).

*Civil Procedure Rules*—Civil Procedure Rule Committee (section 83) and Power to change certain requirements relating to Committee (section 84).

### *MISCELLANEOUS (PART 8)*

Register of judgments and orders etc. (section 98—in part) and Power to alter judicial titles: Northern Ireland (section 102).