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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1980 No. 397**

**County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980**

**PART III**

**ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

*General Jurisdiction*

**General civil jurisdiction**

**10.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part, a county court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any action in which the amount claimed, or the value of specific chattels claimed, does not exceed [<sup>F1</sup>£30,000] , including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this paragraph) any action in which a balance not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>£30,000] is claimed—

- (a) on foot of an account (including a partnership account);
- (b) after allowances made for any amount admitted by the plaintiff to be due by him to the defendant (whether by way of set-off or on foot of a counterclaim or otherwise); or
- (c) after the abandonment by the plaintiff of any sum by which the amount alleged to be due to him by the defendant exceeds [<sup>F1</sup>£30,000] , so, however, that a decree in respect of any cause of action to which this sub-paragraph applies shall be, and be expressed to be, in full discharge of all demands in respect of that cause of action.

(2) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any action claiming damages exceeding [<sup>F2</sup>£3,000] in respect of libel or slander.

<sup>F3</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F3</sup>(3A) .....

(4) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any Admiralty cause or matter.

(5) A county court shall not have jurisdiction to hear any action in which the title to any toll, fair, market or franchise is in question.

(6) A claim for the recovery of any rent or other sum not exceeding [<sup>F2</sup> £15,000] due in respect of the use and occupation of any land may be joined with, and heard and determined together with, a claim under this Part for the recovery of that land.

<p><b>F1</b> Word in art. 10(1) substituted (25.2.2013) by <a href="#">The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 (S.R. 2013/18)</a>, arts. 1, <b>2(a)</b> (with art. 5)</p> <p><b>F2</b> SR 1993/282</p> <p><b>F3</b> <a href="#">Art. 10(3)(3A)</a> repealed (31.10.2016) by <a href="#">Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c. 9)</a>, s. 106(2), Sch. 1 para. 80(6), <b>Sch. 9 Pt. 1</b> (with Sch. 8 para. 1); S.R. 2016/387, art. 2(k)(m) (with art. 3)</p>
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**Changes to legislation:**

County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, Section 10 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 28 May 2023. 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.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument am (prosp) by [S.I. 1994/2795 \(N.I.\) art.3\(5\)Sch.1](#)