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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1993 No. 1576 (N.I. 6)**

The Family Law (Northern Ireland) Order 1993

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THE FAMILY LAW (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993

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#### SCHEDULE 2 — THE NORTHERN IRELAND FAMILY PROCEEDINGS RULES COMMITTEE

1. In this Schedule “the Committee” means the Northern Ireland Family Proceedings Rules Committee.
2. (1) The Committee shall consist of— (a) the Lord Chief Justice, who shall be chairman;...
3. Where any member of the Committee is unable to act, the Lord Chief Justice, or,...
4. Rules of court may be made and other powers of the Committee exercised at a...
5. In the absence of the Lord Chief Justice, the senior judge present shall be chairman...
6. The joint secretaries to the Committee shall be the Principal Secretary to the Lord Chief...
7. Such of the joint secretaries to the Committee as the Lord Chancellor may designate shall,...
8. The Committee shall not, except with the concurrence of the Treasury, make a rule which...
9. Any expenses incurred by the Committee shall be paid by the Lord Chancellor.

#### SCHEDULE 3 — FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED BY ARTICLE 13

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

- Sch. 4 para. 9 repealed by [S.I. 2003/435 \(N.I.\) art. 49\(2\)](#)[Sch. 5](#) (Amendment not applied. Schedule 4 not available on [legislation.gov.uk](#))
- art. 10 repealed by [2010 c. 13 \(N.I.\) Sch. 4 Pt. 1](#)
- art. 12(3)(g) words substituted by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 1 para. 103](#) (Art. 12(3)(g) repealed by [2003/435 \(NI 10\), Sch. 5](#))

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 11A-11J and cross-heading inserted by [2021 c. 2 \(N.I.\) s. 36](#)
- art. 12(3)(i) inserted by [2011 c. 24 \(N.I.\) s. 95\(2\)](#)