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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 1141 (N.I. 6)**

**The Juries (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

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THE JURIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

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1. Any person who has at any time been convicted by a court in the United...
- 1A. Any person who has at any time been convicted of an offence and had imposed...
2. Any person who at any time in the last ten years has in the United...
3. Any person who at any time in the last five years has, in the United...

### SCHEDULE 2 — PERSONS INELIGIBLE FOR JURY SERVICE

*Persons concerned with the administration of justice*

*The Forces*

*Other persons*

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*Parliament*

*Northern Ireland Assembly*

*Scottish Parliament and Scottish Executive*

*European Parliament*

*Public officials*

*Clergy, etc.*

*Professions*

*Persons aged over 70 years*

SCHEDULE 4 — CORONERS JURIES

PART I — MODIFICATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER

1. Any reference to a court includes a reference to a coroner or, as the context...
2. Any reference to a judge (with or without qualifying words) includes a reference to a...
3. Any reference to a jury includes a reference to a coroner's jury.
4. In Article 5(4) and (5) “the Divisional Jurors List” includes a part of that list.
5. Articles 10(7) and 11(3) shall apply to rules under section 36(1) of the Coroners Act...
6. In Article 24 “trial” includes inquest.

PART II — AMENDMENTS OF CORONERS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND)  
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1. In section 18 (summoning of jurors)— (a) in subsection (1), for the words from “district...
2. In Section 31(2) (summoning of another jury where jury unable to agree), for the words...
3. In section 32(1) (power to arrange for removal of body to district of another coroner),...

— Schedule 5—Repeals

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

- art. 2(3) repealed by [2015 c. 9 \(N.I.\) Sch. 9 Pt. 5](#)