

SCHEDULE

PART 1

PRIMARY LEGISLATION

The Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976

5.—(1) The Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(1) is amended as follows.

(2) In Article 13(1) (Discretion of registrar to refuse certificate in special cases) at the end of paragraph (k) insert—

“(l) where he has been the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order; or”.

(3) In Article 15(1) (Suspension of practising certificate) after “bankruptcy of a solicitor” insert “or his becoming the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(4) In Article 16 (Duration of suspension of practising certificate)—

(a) In paragraph (3) in each occasion where bankruptcy occurs after “bankruptcy” insert “or his becoming the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(5) After Article 21, insert—

“Solicitor practising whilst subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order

21A. If a solicitor continues to practise as a solicitor while subject to a bankruptcy restrictions order and without having had the suspension of his practising certificate terminated under Article 16(4) or (7) or, if his practising certificate has effect subject to terms and conditions by virtue of a direction under Article 16(4)(c) or (7), without complying with those terms or conditions,

he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years [and/or an unlimited fine].”.

(6) In Article 29(1) (Employment by solicitor of persons whose names have been struck off the roll etc.) after “bankrupt” insert “or the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(7) In Article 30 (Failure to disclose name having been struck off the roll etc.) after “bankrupt” insert “or is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(8) In Article 36(2)(a) (Powers of Council to deal with property in control of certain solicitors and other persons) after “bankrupt” insert “or becomes the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(9) In Article 41(3)(a) (Extension of Bankruptcy Acts etc) after “bankrupt” insert “or is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order”.

(1) [S.I. 1976/582 \(N.I. 12\)](#)