



# Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

## 2002 CHAPTER 26

### PART 1

#### THE JUDICIARY

#### *Lord Chief Justice*

#### **15 Presiding lay magistrate**

- (1) The Lord Chief Justice must appoint one of the lay magistrates to be the Presiding lay magistrate with responsibility for the other lay magistrates.
- (2) The person appointed as Presiding lay magistrate holds that office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) If the office of Presiding lay magistrate becomes vacant, the Lord Chief Justice may appoint a lay magistrate to act as Presiding lay magistrate, pending a new appointment.