1988 No. 101

COUNTY COURTS

The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*21st March 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*1st August 1988*
To be laid before Parliament	

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 22(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(**a**), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1988.

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2. In the statutory provisions set out in column 1 of the Schedule (which prescribe financial limits relating to the jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars) for the figures set out in column 2 of that Schedule there shall be substituted the figures set out in column 3.

Revocation

3. The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(**b**) shall be amended by deleting in the Schedule the reference to Article 30(3) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

Dated 21st March 1988 *Mackay of Clashfern,* C.

(**a**) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)
(**b**) S.R. 1982 No. 122

SCHEDULE Article 2

Increase of jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars

Statutory Provisions	*Existing Limit of Jurisdiction*	*New Limit of Jurisdiction*
The County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(a)		
Article 30(1) (general civil jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars)	£500	£1,000
Article 30(3) (civil jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars: arbitration)	£300	£ 500

(a) As amended by S.R. 1982 No. 122

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order increases the jurisdiction exercisable by circuit registrars in the county courts as follows—

(*a*) from £500 to £1,000 in respect of defended actions;

(*b*) from £300 to £500 in respect of arbitrations (small claims).