

2013 No. 18

COUNTY COURTS

**The County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland)
2013**

Made - - - - - *31st January 2013*

Coming into operation - *25th February 2013*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 22(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(a), after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice, makes the following Order.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 25th February 2013.

Increase of financial limits of civil jurisdiction of county courts

2. The County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 shall be amended as follows:—

- (a) In Article 10(1) (general civil jurisdiction) for “£15,000” substitute “£30,000”; and
- (b) In Article 30(1) (general civil jurisdiction exercisable by District Judges) for “£5,000” substitute “£10,000”.

Revocations and saving

3. The entry relating to Article 10(1) of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 in the Schedule to the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993(b) is revoked.

4. Article 3(a) of the County Courts (Financial Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) Order 2001(c) is revoked.

5. The amendments made by Articles 2, 3 and 4 of this Order shall not apply to any proceedings commenced before 25th February 2013.

(a) S.I. 1980/397 (N.I. 3)
(b) S.R. 1993 No.282
(c) S.R. 2001 No.67

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 31st January 2013



David Ford
Minister of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the general civil jurisdiction of county courts in Northern Ireland from £15,000 to £30,000 and the jurisdiction of district judges in the county courts from £5,000 to £10,000.

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