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## **Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland**

With the establishment of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom on 1 October, Northern Ireland sees the renaming of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland as the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.

The changes are being made under the Constitutional Reform Act 2005.

Mandy Kilpatrick Head of Court Operations said:

“It will be business as usual in the courts. The change of name should not have any impact upon the public’s interaction with the courts.”

She added:

“We aim to ensure that the change of name is as seamless and as unobtrusive as possible.”

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

1. The Lord Chancellor has made a commencement order that, on 1 October, will bring into force provisions of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 establishing the new Supreme Court of the United Kingdom replacing the existing appellate jurisdiction of the House of Lords.
2. The Constitutional Reform Act also provides for the Supreme Court of Judicature in Northern Ireland to be renamed as the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.
3. The Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland consists of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the Crown Court.
4. Any existing references to the Supreme Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland will be construed as references to the Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland.
5. The Supreme Court Administrator will now be known as the **Royal Courts of Justice Administrator**.
6. The Supreme Court Taxing Office will now be known as the **Court of Judicature of Northern Ireland Taxing Office**.

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