

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND
CHANCERY DIVISION

1972 No.2

PRACTICE DIRECTION
STYLE AND LANGUAGE OF DOCUMENTS

With a view to encouraging brevity in documents for use in Court or Chambers the following rules of general guidance are issued for the assistance of all concerned.

1. The expression "this Honourable Court" need not be used.
2. The age of a deponent to an affidavit need not be stated unless his age is material.
3. Dates should be expressed as "1 January, 1972" etc. and not "the 1st day of January, 1972" etc.
4. Time should be expressed as "11 a.m.", "12 noon", "3 p.m." etc. and not "eleven o'clock in the forenoon" etc.
5. Where there is more than one plaintiff or defendant, reference to one of them should be made as "1st plaintiff", "2nd defendant" etc., and not "1st named plaintiff" etc.
6. Where a person or body is referred to more than once in the same document and it is convenient to describe such person or body shortly, the description may be inserted in brackets after the name and address (if material), without the use of such words as "hereinafter called".
7. [No longer applicable.]

8. Unless it is necessary or convenient to set out in an affidavit precise extracts from documents exhibited, it is sufficient to summarise the provisions of the document which are relevant to the proceedings, and in some cases it may be sufficient merely to refer to the appropriate part of the document in general terms.
9. Counties should be described as e.g. "County Antrim", and not "the County of Antrim".
"Belfast" and "Londonderry" and not "the County of the City of Belfast" or "the County of the City of Londonderry" should be used unless a statement of the County is material to the proceedings.

By direction of Mr. Justice Gibson,

John M. Hunter

Chancery Registrar.

1 February 1972.