PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1986

The Council of the Law Society of Northern Ireland in pursuance of the power conferred on them by Articles 74(1) and 75 of the Solicitors (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf and with the concurrence of the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, hereby makes under Article 10 of the said Order the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Practising Certificate (Amendment) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on the 30th day of November 1986.

2. In these regulations "the Principal Regulations" means the Practising Certificate Regulations 1982 and any reference to a regulation by number is to the regulation so numbered in those regulations.

3. Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations shall be amended as follows:—

"Every Applicant shall deliver to the Society's offices, either by post or in person or by his agent and no later than 5th January in each year a written application in Form PCR1 correctly completed by the applicant and signed by him personally:

Provided that on receipt of a statutory declaration in Form PCR2 the Registrar of solicitors may at his discretion, on the ground of the illness or absence abroad of the applicant or on any other ground deemed by him to be sufficient, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may think fit, dispense with the necessity for personal signature by the applicant and accept an application signed by a partner of his or by some competent person approved by the Registrar as indicated."

Made by the Council on the 27th day of August 1986.