

**PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 02 OF 2018**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
CHANCERY DIVISION**

This **Practice Direction** is made on the 23 April 2018 by Master Hardstaff of the High Court (Northern Ireland) and shall come into force on the 23 April 2018 and be known as Practice Direction No.02 of 2018.

That, in accordance with the ruling of HM Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland, in the matter of Herron v Bank of Scotland plc; all grounding affidavits supporting applications for possession pursuant to Order 88 of the Rules of the Court of Judicature shall be compliant with the guidelines for same set out in the case of Swift First Limited v McCourt 2012 NICH 33, and that such affidavits shall be sworn by suitably senior and knowledgeable officials of applicant institutions, deposing to facts within their own knowledge, and, where appropriate containing statements of information and belief complying with Order 41 Rule 5 of the said Rules, unless there is a compelling reason to do otherwise.

**Dated this 23 day of April 2018**

**Master Ian Hardstaff**