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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 698**

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The Children and Family Court Advisory and  
Support Service (Conduct of Litigation and  
Exercise of Rights of Audience) Regulations 2001

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th March 2001</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th March 2001</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2001</i>

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 15(1) and 25 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000(1), makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Conduct of Litigation and Exercise of Rights of Audience) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force on 1st April 2001.

2. An officer of the Service who is—

- (a) a barrister or a solicitor of the Supreme Court, or
- (b) employed (whether wholly or in part), or is otherwise engaged, to conduct litigation and is doing so in conjunction with an officer of the Service described in sub-paragraph (a),

may be authorised by the Service in accordance with section 15(1) of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000.

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(1) 2000 c. 43. Section 25 is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning assigned to the word “prescribed”.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor

Dated 5th March 2001

*Jane Kennedy*  
Parliamentary Secretary,  
Lord Chancellor's Department

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prescribe the officers who can be authorised by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (“the Service”), in accordance with section 15(1) of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43). Section 15(1) allows the Service to authorise an officer of the Service, in the exercise of his functions, to conduct litigation in relation to any proceedings in any court and to exercise rights of audience in any proceedings before any court.

The Service is established under section 11 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000. The principal functions of the Service are, in respect of family proceedings in which the welfare of children is or may be in question, to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children, to give advice in any court about any application, to make provision for the children to be represented and to provide information, advice and other support for the children and their families.