
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 195

**The Civil Legal Services (General)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

PART 5

REPRESENTATION (HIGHER COURTS)

Conduct of proceedings and authorities

44.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), it shall be a condition of every certificate issued under this Part that the prior authority of the Director shall be required—

- (a) to apply to the court for leave to add any further party to the proceedings;
- (b) to apply to the court for leave to lodge any interlocutory appeal; or
- (c) to apply to the court to set up or set off any right or claim having the same effect as a cross action (other than a counterclaim or set off arising out of the same transaction and capable of being pleaded as a defence), or to reply to any right or claim so set up or so set off by any other party;
- (d) to obtain a report or an opinion of an expert;
- (e) to tender expert evidence;
- (f) to obtain a report or an opinion of a person (other than an expert);
- (g) to tender such evidence as referred to in sub-paragraph (f);
- (h) to obtain a transcript or recordings of any proceedings; or
- (i) to perform an act which is either unusual in its nature or involves unusually large expenditure.

(2) The Director may give general authority (subject to a maximum fee payable) to suppliers in any particular class of case, including—

- (a) to obtain a report or opinion of one or more experts or to tender expert evidence;
- (b) to employ a person to provide a report or opinion (other than as an expert); or
- (c) to obtain a transcript or recordings of any proceedings.

(3) Where it appears to the supplier necessary for the proper conduct of proceedings funded under this Part for any act to be done which is unusual in nature or involves unusually large expenditure, the supplier shall apply to the Director for authority to take any such step, and no payment for any such step shall be made in the absence of such authority.

Changes to legislation:

The Civil Legal Services (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Section 44 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 16 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Rule associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Rule (including any effects on those provisions):

- reg. 31(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 32(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(12\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 41(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(13\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 43(3) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 56\(14\)\(b\)](#)