

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Rules permit legal representatives to attend Children's Hearings as defined in section 39(3) of the Children(s) Act 1995 in certain circumstances.

Rule 3 specifies when the business meeting and the Children's Hearing may consider the appointment of a legal representative, and the circumstances in which an appointment may be made.

Rule 4 authorises the Principal Reporter to make copies of the relevant documentation available to legal representatives.

Rule 5 specifies groups of persons from whom a legal representative may be appointed.