



Adoption Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 36

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

65 Guardians ad litem and reporting officers

- (1) For the purpose of any application for an adoption order or an order freeing a child for adoption or an order under section 20 or 55 rules shall provide for the appointment, in such cases as are prescribed—
- (a) of a person to act as guardian ad litem of the child upon the hearing of the application, with the duty of safeguarding the interests of the child in the prescribed manner;
 - (b) of a person to act as reporting officer for the purpose of witnessing agreements to adoption and performing such other duties as the rules may prescribe.
- (2) A person who is employed—
- (a) in the case of an application for an adoption order, by the adoption agency by whom the child was placed ; or
 - (b) in the case of an application for an order freeing a child for adoption, by the adoption agency by whom the application was made ; or
 - (c) in the case of an application under section 20, by the adoption agency with the parental rights and duties relating to the child,
- shall not be appointed to act as guardian ad litem or reporting officer for the purposes of the application but, subject to that, the same person may if the court thinks fit be both guardian ad litem and reporting officer.