

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE CROWN COURT RULES 1982

4. For Rule 9(3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) A guardian *ad litem* shall be selected from a panel established in accordance with the Guardians Ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) Regulations 1983⁽¹⁾ except that the person appointed shall not —

- (a) be a member, officer or servant of a local authority or authorised person (within the meaning of section 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969) which is a party to the proceedings; or
- (b) be, or at any time have been, a member, officer or servant of a local authority or a voluntary organisation (within the meaning of section 87(1) of the Child Care Act 1980⁽²⁾) who has been directly concerned in that capacity in arrangements relating to the care, accommodation or welfare of the relevant child or young person; or
- (c) be a serving probation officer (except that a probation officer who has not in that capacity been concerned with the relevant child or young person or his family (otherwise than for the purposes of the proceedings to which the appeal relates) and who is employed part-time may, when not engaged in his duties as a probation officer, act as a guardian *ad litem*);

and where the appeal arises out of proceedings in which a juvenile court has appointed a person to act as guardian *ad litem*, that person shall be appointed for the purposes of the appeal unless the Crown Court is satisfied that in all the circumstances it would be inappropriate to appoint him.”.

(1) S.I.1983/1908.

(2) 1980 c. 5.