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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 291**

**Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997**

CHAPTER 2

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

PART V

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES ORDERS

**Appointment of curator *ad litem* and reporting officer**

**2.39.**—(1) The sheriff shall, after the making of an application, appoint a curator *ad litem* and reporting officer and the same person may be appointed as curator *ad litem* and reporting officer in the same application, if the sheriff considers that doing so is appropriate in the circumstances.

(2) The sheriff may appoint a person who is not a member of a panel established under regulations made by virtue of section 101 of the 1995 Act to be a curator *ad litem* or a reporting officer.

(3) The sheriff may, on cause shown, appoint a reporting officer prior to the lodging of an application.

(4) A request for an appointment under paragraph (3) shall be made by letter addressed to the sheriff clerk specifying the reasons for the appointment, and shall not require to be intimated to any other person.