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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 3098**

**The Civil Legal Aid (Procedure) Regulations 2012**

**PART 6**

**Special Case Work**

**Multi-party actions**

**57.**—(1) An application for a determination in relation to a multi-party action must name a lead provider.

(2) Applications from different individuals in the same multi-party action may be treated as a single application.

(3) The Director must specify in a determination in relation to a multi-party action—

- (a) the identity of the lead provider;
- (b) whether the civil legal services to be made available are limited to an issue which is common to all parties or a particular group of parties (a “generic issue”); and
- (c) if the civil legal services do relate to a generic issue, whether the services include or are limited to—
  - (i) the selection, preparation and trial of lead issues and lead cases;
  - (ii) the co-ordination of the action; and
  - (iii) any other civil legal services which the Director considers necessary for the action to be progressed as a multi-party action.

(4) The Director may send any notices in relation to a multi-party action to the lead provider who must communicate the information in those notices to the parties for whom that provider is the lead provider.

(5) The Director may waive any of the requirements of regulations 37 and 49 in relation to a multi-party action.

(6) A certificate recording a determination in relation to a multi-party action must be amended to record a change in the identity of the lead provider.