STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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# ACCESS TO JUSTICE

## The Criminal Defence Services (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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| *Made - - - -* | *24th March 2016* |
| *Coming into operation* | *15th April 2016* |

The Department of Justice makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 26(2)(b) and (3) of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003(**1**), and now vested in it(**2**).

### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Criminal Defence Services (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 15th April 2016.

### Interpretation

**2.** In these Regulations –

"relevant proceedings" means the proceedings listed in Schedule 2 to the Access to Justice (2003 Order) (Commencement No. 8) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(**3**);

"right to representation" means a right to representation granted under Article 26(1) or (5) of the Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

### Power of the Court of Appeal to grant representation

**3.** The Court of Appeal or a judge of that Court may at any time grant a right to representation in respect of any relevant proceedings in the Court of Appeal, the Supreme Court or the Crown Court.

### Advice and assistance

**4.**—(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), a right to representation in respect of relevant proceedings in the Court of Appeal includes the right to advice and assistance as to any further appeal from that Court to the Supreme Court.

(**1**) S.I. 2003/435 (N.I. 10)
(**2**) S.I. 2010/976
(**3**) S.R. 2015 No. 237 (C. 17)