STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 13

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The Civil Legal Services (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

Made - - - - 11th February 2019

Coming into operation 4th March 2019

The Department of Justice makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 15 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 Civil Legal Services (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 and shall come into operation on 4th March 2019.

Amendments to the Civil Legal Services (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

2. The Civil Legal Services (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**3**) are amended as follows.

3. In regulation 2, for the definition of "assessing authority", substitute—

""assessing authority" means—

(a) in respect of advice and assistance and representation (lower courts), the supplier,

(b) in respect of representation (higher courts) and exceptional funding, the Director;".

4. In regulation 15(10), for "an assessing authority to re-determine", substitute "a re-determination of".

5. In regulation 17(6), for "without reference to an assessing authority", substitute "without reference to a determination in respect of an applicant's disposable income or capital".

6. In regulation 41—

(a) in sub-paragraph (3), omit "or an assessing authority"; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (4), omit "or an assessing authority".

(**1**) S.I. 2003/435 (N.I. 10). Article 15 of the 2003 Order was substituted by section 6 of, and paragraph 6(16) of Schedule 2 to, the Legal Aid and Coroners' Courts Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.
(**2**) S.I. 2010/976.
(**3**) S.R. 2015/195.