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# 2001 No. 290

# LEGAL AID AND ADVICE

## The Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5(3)(*a*) and 22(1) of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and now vested in him(**2**), hereby makes the following regulations:—

### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2001.

### Interpretation

**2.** In these regulations "the principal regulations" means the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**3**).

### Amendment of the principal Regulations

**3.** In regulation 3 of the principal regulations after the meaning of "Legal Aid Committee" there shall be added the following meaning—

> ""Life Sentence Review Commissioners" means the Life Sentence Review Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of State under Article 3 of the Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001(**4**);".

**4.** In regulation 17(3)(*b*) of the principal regulations—

(a) the words "it is made" in sub-paragraph (iii) shall be omitted;

(**1**) S.I.1981/228 (N.I. 8)
(**2**) S.I. 1982/159
(**3**) S.R. 1981 No. 366 (to which the relevant amendments were made by S.R. 1996 No. 483; S.R. 1996 No. 411; S.R. 1993 No. 124; S.R. 1992 No. 105; S.R.1989 No. 469; S.R. 1988 No. 87; S.R. 1984 No. 82 and S.R. 1983 No. 29)
(**4**) S.I. 2001 No. 2564 (N.I. 2)

(c) after sub-paragraph (iii), there shall be added the following sub-paragraph—

"(iv) in respect of a hearing before the Life Sentence Review Commissioners.".

Dated 24th July 2001 *Irvine of Lairg,* C.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations extend assistance by way of representation, under Article 5 of the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, to life sentence prisoners at hearings before the Life Sentence Review Commissioners.