

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Advice and Assistance (Scotland) Regulations 1996 so as to provide for increased fees for solicitors for work done in civil matters where advice and assistance or assistance by way of representation has been given. An increase in fees for solicitors is further provided for advice and assistance given in respect of matters which are the subject of Part II of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (regulation 3 and the Schedule).

These Regulations only apply in relation to any case where an application for advice and assistance is made to the Scottish Legal Aid Board on or after 28th June 2004 (regulation 2).