



# Civil Evidence Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 38

### *General*

#### **13 Interpretation**

In this Act—

“civil proceedings” has the meaning given by section 11 and “court” and “rules of court” shall be construed in accordance with that section;

“document” means anything in which information of any description is recorded, and “copy”, in relation to a document, means anything onto which information recorded in the document has been copied, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly;

“hearsay” shall be construed in accordance with section 1(2);

“oral evidence” includes evidence which, by reason of a defect of speech or hearing, a person called as a witness gives in writing or by signs;

“the original statement”, in relation to hearsay evidence, means the underlying statement (if any) by—

- (a) in the case of evidence of fact, a person having personal knowledge of that fact, or
  - (b) in the case of evidence of opinion, the person whose opinion it is; and
- “statement” means any representation of fact or opinion, however made.