

Legal Services Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 29

PART 3

RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Reserved legal activities

12 Meaning of "reserved legal activity" and "legal activity"

(1) In this Act "reserved legal activity" means-

- (a) the exercise of a right of audience;
- (b) the conduct of litigation;
- (c) reserved instrument activities;
- (d) probate activities;
- (e) notarial activities;
- (f) the administration of oaths.
- (2) Schedule 2 makes provision about what constitutes each of those activities.

(3) In this Act "legal activity" means—

- (a) an activity which is a reserved legal activity within the meaning of this Act as originally enacted, and
- (b) any other activity which consists of one or both of the following-
 - (i) the provision of legal advice or assistance in connection with the application of the law or with any form of resolution of legal disputes;
 - (ii) the provision of representation in connection with any matter concerning the application of the law or any form of resolution of legal disputes.
- (4) But "legal activity" does not include any activity of a judicial or quasi-judicial nature (including acting as a mediator).

- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3) "legal dispute" includes a dispute as to any matter of fact the resolution of which is relevant to determining the nature of any person's legal rights or liabilities.
- (6) Section 24 makes provision for adding legal activities to the reserved legal activities.