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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 291**

**Act of Sederunt (Child Care and Maintenance Rules) 1997**

**CHAPTER 2**

**ADOPTION OF CHILDREN**

**PART II**

**APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER DECLARING A CHILD FREE FOR ADOPTION**

**Confidentiality**

**2.12.**—(1) Unless the sheriff otherwise directs, all documents lodged in process including the reports by the curator *ad litem* and the reporting officer shall be available only to the sheriff, the curator *ad litem*, the reporting officer and the parties; and such documents shall be treated as confidential by any persons involved in, or a party to, the proceedings and by the sheriff clerk.

(2) The reporting officer and curator *ad litem* shall treat all information obtained in the exercise of their duties as confidential and shall not disclose any such information to any person unless disclosure of such information is necessary for the proper discharge of their duties.

(3) This rule is subject to rule 2.9(2).