
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 1744

The Court of Protection Rules 2007

PART 17

LITIGATION FRIEND

Litigation friend by court order

143.—(1) The court may make an order appointing—

- (a) the Official Solicitor; or
- (b) some other person,

to act as a litigation friend.

(2) The court may act under paragraph (1)—

- (a) either on its own initiative or on the application of any person; but
- (b) only with the consent of the person to be appointed.

(3) An application for an order under paragraph (1) must be supported by evidence.

(4) The court may not appoint a litigation friend under this rule unless it is satisfied that the person to be appointed satisfies the conditions specified in rule 140(1).

(5) The court may at any stage of the proceedings give directions as to the appointment of a litigation friend.