

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**2015 No. 890 (L. 12)**

**FAMILY COURT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Justices' Clerks and Assistants (Amendment) Rules 2015**

*Made* - - - - 23rd March 2015  
*Laid before Parliament* 26th March 2015  
*Coming into force* - - 1st July 2015

The Lord Chancellor makes the following Rules in exercise of the power conferred by sections 31O(1) and 31P(1) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984(1), with the agreement of the President of the Family Division, as the judicial office holder nominated by the Lord Chief Justice under section 31O(8) of that Act.

Before making these Rules, the Lord Chancellor has consulted the Family Procedure Rule Committee in accordance with section 31O(1) of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Justices' Clerks and Assistants (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into force on 1st July 2015.

**Amendments to the Justices' Clerks and Assistants Rules 2014**

2. In the table in the Schedule to the Justices' Clerks and Assistants Rules 2014(2)—

(a) after the entry for CPA, sections 44(2) and (4), insert—

FPR rule 7.13(5)(b)	Only in undefended cases
FPR rule 7.13(7)	Only in undefended cases
FPR rule 7.13(8)	Only in undefended cases

; and

(b) after the entry for FPR rule 7.20(5), insert—

FPR rule 7.21(3)	
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(1) 1984 c.42. Sections 31O and 31P were inserted by section 17(6) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 to, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22).

(2) S.I. 2014/603, amended by S.I. 2014/841.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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**Transitional provision**

3. The Justices' Clerks and Assistants Rules 2014 as amended by these Rules apply from the date that these Rules come into force to any proceedings which were commenced in the family court but not disposed of before that date, as they apply to proceedings commenced after that date.

23rd March 2015

*Simon Hughes*  
Minister of State  
Ministry of Justice

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the Justices' Clerks and Assistants Rules 2014 ([S.I. 2014/603](#)). Rule 2 amends the table in the Schedule to those Rules to insert references to additional functions of the family court or of a judge of the family court which those Rules authorise justices' clerks and assistants to justices' clerks to carry out. Rule 3 makes transitional provision.

No separate impact assessment has been prepared for these Rules.