

*These notes refer to the Children Act 2004 (c.31)
which received Royal Assent on 15th November 2004*

CHILDREN ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 4 – Advisory and Support Services for Family Proceedings

CAFCASS functions in Wales

Section 37: Welsh family proceedings officers

160. *Subsection (1)* provides that the Assembly may authorise a Welsh family proceedings officer to conduct litigation in relation to any proceedings in any court and to exercise a right of audience in any proceedings before any court, in the exercise of his functions as a Welsh family proceedings officer if he is of a description as prescribed by the Secretary of State.
161. By virtue of *subsections (2) and (3)* a Welsh family proceedings officer exercising a right to conduct litigation, or the right of audience under this section, is treated as having acquired that right solely by virtue of this section, and not by virtue of any qualification which he might have.