## **JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2004**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY**

## Section 17: Right of barrister to enter into contract for the provision of his services

43. Barristers in England and Wales are not prevented by law from entering into a contract for the provision of services. This section brings the situation in Northern Ireland into line with the situation in England and Wales by abolishing any rule of law which prevents a barrister in Northern Ireland from entering into a contract for the provision of his services. The General Council of the Bar of Northern Ireland may still make rules which prohibit or restrict barristers from entering into contracts.