

# Legal Services Act 2007

# **2007 CHAPTER 29**

# PART 3

#### RESERVED LEGAL ACTIVITIES

### Reserved legal activities

# 12 Meaning of "reserved legal activity" and "legal activity"

(1) In this Act "reserved legal activity" means-

- (a) the exercise of a right of audience;
- (b) the conduct of litigation;
- (c) reserved instrument activities;
- (d) probate activities;
- (e) notarial activities;
- (f) the administration of oaths.
- (2) Schedule 2 makes provision about what constitutes each of those activities.

(3) In this Act "legal activity" means-

- (a) an activity which is a reserved legal activity within the meaning of this Act as originally enacted, and
- (b) any other activity which consists of one or both of the following-
  - (i) the provision of legal advice or assistance in connection with the application of the law or with any form of resolution of legal disputes;
  - (ii) the provision of representation in connection with any matter concerning the application of the law or any form of resolution of legal disputes.
- (4) But "legal activity" does not include any activity of a judicial or quasi-judicial nature (including acting as a mediator).

- (5) For the purposes of subsection (3) "legal dispute" includes a dispute as to any matter of fact the resolution of which is relevant to determining the nature of any person's legal rights or liabilities.
- (6) Section 24 makes provision for adding legal activities to the reserved legal activities.

#### **Commencement Information**

I1 S. 12 wholly in force at 1.1.2010; s. 12 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 211; s. 12 in force for certain purposes at 7.3.2008 by S.I. 2008/222, art. 3; s. 12 in force for certain further purposes at 31.3.2009 by S.I. 2009/503, art. 3; s. 12 in force otherwise at 1.1.2010 by S.I. 2009/3250, art. 2(b) (with art. 9)

## Status:

Point in time view as at 01/01/2009.

#### Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Legal Services Act 2007, Cross Heading: Reserved legal activities.