



Legal Services Act 2007

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PART 8

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ABOUT LAWYERS ETC

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192 Powers of court in respect of rights of audience and conduct of litigation

- (1) Nothing in this Act affects the power of any court in any proceedings to refuse to hear a person (for reasons which apply to that person as an individual) who would otherwise have a right of audience before the court in relation to those proceedings.
- (2) Where a court refuses to hear a person as mentioned in subsection (1), it must give its reasons for refusing.
- (3) Where—
 - (a) immediately before the commencement of section 13 (entitlement to carry on reserved legal activities), or
 - (b) by virtue of any provision made by or under an enactment passed subsequently,a court does not permit the appearance of advocates, or permits the appearance of advocates only with leave, no person may exercise a right of audience before the court, in relation to any proceedings, solely by virtue of being entitled to do so under this Act.
- (4) But a court may not limit the right to appear before the court in any proceedings to only some of those who are entitled to exercise that right by virtue of this Act.
- (5) A court may not limit the right to conduct litigation in relation to proceedings before the court to only some of those who are entitled to exercise that right by virtue of this Act.
- (6) In this section “advocate”, in relation to any proceedings, means a person exercising a right of audience as a representative of, or on behalf of, any party to the proceedings.