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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 854**

**Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment  
No. 3) (Human Fertilisation and Embryology) 1997**

**Amendment of Chapter 81 of the Rules of the Court of Session**

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph 4 below, Chapter 81 of the Rules of the Court of Session 1994<sup>(1)</sup> (applications for parental orders under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990)<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended in accordance with the following sub-paragraphs.

(2) For rule 81.4 substitute –

**“Selection of reporting officer or curator *ad litem***

**81.4** Where the court appoints a reporting officer or a curator *ad litem* and there is an established panel of persons from whom the appointment may be made, the reporting officer or curator *ad litem* shall be selected from that panel unless the court considers that it would be appropriate to appoint a person who is not on the panel.”.

(3) In rule 81.11 (duties of reporting officer and of curator *ad litem*) –

(a) in each of paragraphs (1)(e) and 2(d), for the words “rights and duties” substitute “responsibilities and parental rights”; and

(b) in paragraph (2)(e), for the word “childhood” substitute “life”.

(4) Omit rule 81.13.

(5) In rule 81.18(2)(a) (age of person entitled to open, or inspect contents of, process within 100 years after date of parental order), for the word “17” substitute “16”.

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(1) S.I.1994/1443.

(2) 1990 c. 37.