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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 258**

**The Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) (Amendment) Rules 2024**

**Amendment of the Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014**

2.—(1) The Family Court (Composition and Distribution of Business) Rules 2014<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 16 (allocation of emergency applications)—

(a) in paragraph (3)(a)—

- (i) at the end of paragraph (xv), omit “or”;
- (ii) at the end of paragraph (xvi), insert “or”; and
- (iii) after paragraph (xvi), insert—

“(xvii) Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 which are made without notice, except where the applicant is aged under 18;” and

(b) in paragraph (5)—

- (i) at the end of sub-paragraph (e), for the full stop substitute a semi-colon; and
- (ii) after sub-paragraph (e), insert—

“(f) Part 3 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 which are made without notice and where the applicant is aged under 18.”.

(3) In Schedule 1 (allocation), in the first column (type of proceedings)—

(a) in paragraph 1(h) after “parentage” insert “, except where the application is made by a birth parent in respect of a child under the age of 18 following the lawful adoption of that child”; and

(b) in paragraph 4—

- (i) in sub-paragraph (g) for “Regulation.” substitute “Regulation;” and
- (ii) after sub-paragraph (g) insert—

“(h) the Family Law Act 1986<sup>(2)</sup>, section 55A (declarations of parentage) where the application is made by a birth parent in respect of a child under the age of 18 following the lawful adoption of that child.”.

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2014/840. Relevant amendments were made by S.I. 2014/3297, 2015/1421, 2018/1413 and 2021/505.

<sup>(2)</sup> 1986 c. 55. Section 55A was inserted by section 83(2) of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000 (c. 19) and amended by paragraph 97 of Schedule 11 to the Crime and Courts Act 2013.