



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 - (a) an activity which is a reserved legal activity within the meaning of this Act as originally enacted, and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).

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- (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

- II** 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**)

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