



Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

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PART II

LEGAL SERVICES

Introductory

18 The statutory duty

- (1) Where any person is called upon to exercise any functions which are conferred by this Part with respect to—
- (a) the granting of rights of audience;
 - (b) the granting of rights to conduct litigation;
 - (c) the approval of qualification regulations or rules of conduct; or
 - (d) the giving of advice with respect to any matter mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c),
- it shall be the duty of that person to exercise those functions as soon as is reasonably practicable and consistent with the provisions of this Part.
- (2) A person exercising any such functions shall act in accordance with the general principle and, subject to that, shall—
- (a) so far as it is possible to do so in the circumstances of the case, act to further the statutory objective; and
 - (b) not act in any way which would be incompatible with the statutory objective.