



# Courts and Legal Services Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 41

### PART II

#### LEGAL SERVICES

##### *Rights of audience and rights to conduct litigation*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>31C Change of authorised body.

[<sup>F2</sup>(1) Where a person—

- (a) has at any time been authorised by a relevant approved regulator to exercise a right of audience before a court in relation to proceedings of a particular description, and
  - (b) becomes authorised by another relevant approved regulator to exercise a right of audience before that court in relation to that description of proceedings, any qualification regulations of the relevant approved regulator mentioned in paragraph (b) which relate to that right are not to have effect in relation to the person.]
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply in relation to any qualification regulations to the extent that they impose requirements relating to continuing education or training which have effect in relation to the exercise of the right by all members of [<sup>F3</sup>the relevant approved regulator] who have the right.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person if he has been banned from exercising the right of audience by the [<sup>F4</sup>relevant approved regulator] mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection as a result of disciplinary proceedings and that [<sup>F4</sup>relevant approved regulator] has not lifted the ban.

[ In this section “relevant approved regulator” is to be construed in accordance with <sup>F5</sup>(4) section 20(3) of the Legal Services Act 2007.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** S. 31C inserted (31.7.2000) by 1999 c.22, s. 39 (with Sch. 7(2)); S.I. 2000/1920, art. 2(a)

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- F2** S. 31C(1) substituted (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 86(a)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)
- F3** Words in s. 31C(2) substituted (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 86(b)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)
- F4** Words in s. 31C(3) substituted (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 86(c)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)
- F5** S. 31C(4) inserted (1.1.2010) by Legal Services Act 2007 (c. 29), ss. 208, 211, **Sch. 21 para. 86(d)** (with ss. 29, 192, 193); S.I. 2009/3250, **art. 2(h)** (with art. 9)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 58A(2)(fe) inserted by [2021 c. 17 s. 53](#)