

# Children's Court Amendment (Miscellaneous) Rule 2012

under the

Children's Court Act 1987

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Rule under the *Children's Court Act 1987*.

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#### **Explanatory note**

The objects of this Rule are to amend the Children's Court Rule 2000 (the Rule):

- (a) to change the composition of the Children's Court Advisory Committee so as to provide that the members who are appointed by the Attorney General must include a person nominated by the Law Society of New South Wales and a person nominated by the Bar Association of New South Wales. Currently, the members of the Committee appointed by the Attorney General must include one person who is nominated jointly by the Law Society of New South Wales and the Bar Association of New South Wales, and
- (b) to correct references to preliminary conferences by replacing them with references to dispute resolution conferences, in accordance with the terminology used in section 65 of the *Children and Young Persons* (Care and Protection) Act 1998.

This Rule is made under section 23 of the *Children's Court Act 1987* (the general rule-making power).

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#### 1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the Children's Court Amendment (Miscellaneous) Rule 2012.

#### 2 Commencement

This Rule commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

Schedule 1

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Children's Court Rule 2000

#### [1] Clause 3 Definitions

Insert in alphabetical order in clause 3 (1):

dispute resolution conference means a dispute resolution conference arranged and conducted by a Children's Registrar under section 65 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.

#### [2] Clause 3 (1), definition of "preliminary conference"

Omit the definition.

#### [3] Clause 19 Functions of Children's Registrars

Omit "preliminary conference" from the note at the end of the clause.

Insert instead "dispute resolution conference".

#### [4] Clause 23 Commencement of proceedings regarding care application

Omit "preliminary conference".

Insert instead "dispute resolution conference".

#### [5] Clause 24 Attendance at dispute resolution conferences

Omit "preliminary conference".

Insert instead "dispute resolution conference".

#### [6] Clause 25 Conduct of dispute resolution conferences

Omit "preliminary conference" and "preliminary conferences".

Insert instead "dispute resolution conference" and "dispute resolution conferences", respectively.

#### [7] Clause 37 Composition of Children's Court Advisory Committee

Omit clause 37 (1) (c) (viii). Insert instead:

- (viii) a person nominated by the Law Society of New South Wales,
- (viiia) a person nominated by the Bar Association of New South Wales,