

National Rules: United Kingdom (Law Society of Northern Ireland)

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Children Order Panel

This is in the area of Family Law (specifically public law proceedings under the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995) and is governed by Regulations. Three years post-qualification experience is required to apply to become a Panel member and it is assessed by written exam and interview following a two day training course.

Re-accreditation is required every two years. Membership bestows certain benefits, including an uplift in legal aid fees and eligibility to become a member of the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Panel (accredited and administered separately from the Society), who appoint their panel representatives in Children Order cases.

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There are [also] a number of other training courses and membership organisations within the jurisdiction out with the definition I have followed [“special category of qualification, requiring some form of assessment in a specific area and to be authored and administered by the Society”]. In addition, the Society is currently responsible for regulating Insolvency Practitioners (which is accredited by a separate body). In addition, the badge of solicitor and continuing professional development allow our members to refresh and learn new skills on an ongoing basis.